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& Don't stop blowing kisses. U R truly the best !!

One for All

love you
& I
can't
wait til

next year.

Always,
Jamie
Yillard

"The Waffle-
Head"

Coach,
You're the best
teacher I've ever
had. Hopefully I'll
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See you next year!
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favoritest ever!!!
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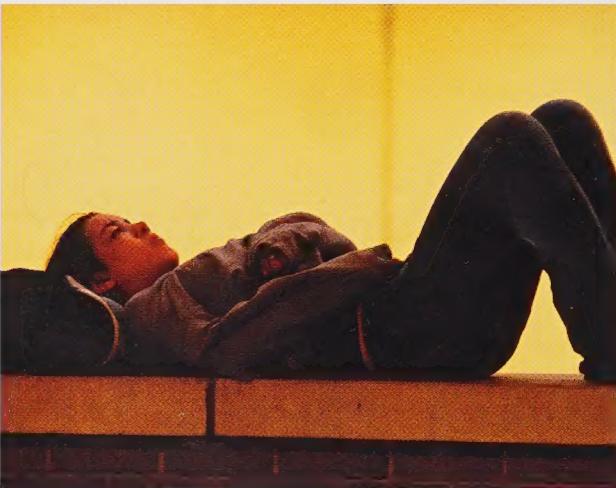
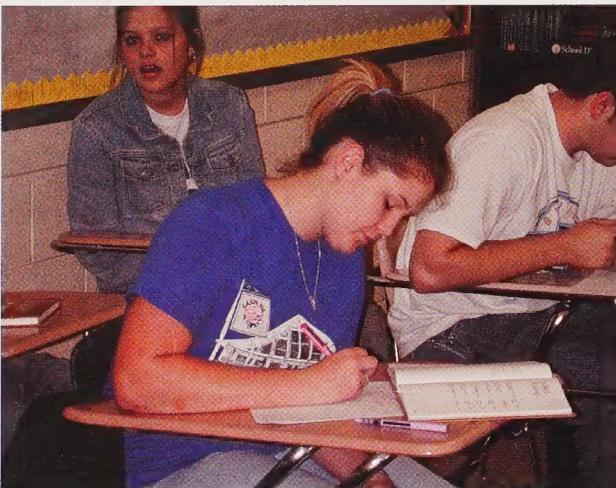


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I was the first 2
sign your book
there & I
loved you the
most!

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Hit the books! Amber Pitman works hard in Ms. K. Hester's English class. As much as some students may not want to admit it, sometimes school requires some classroom work. Photo by K. Hester



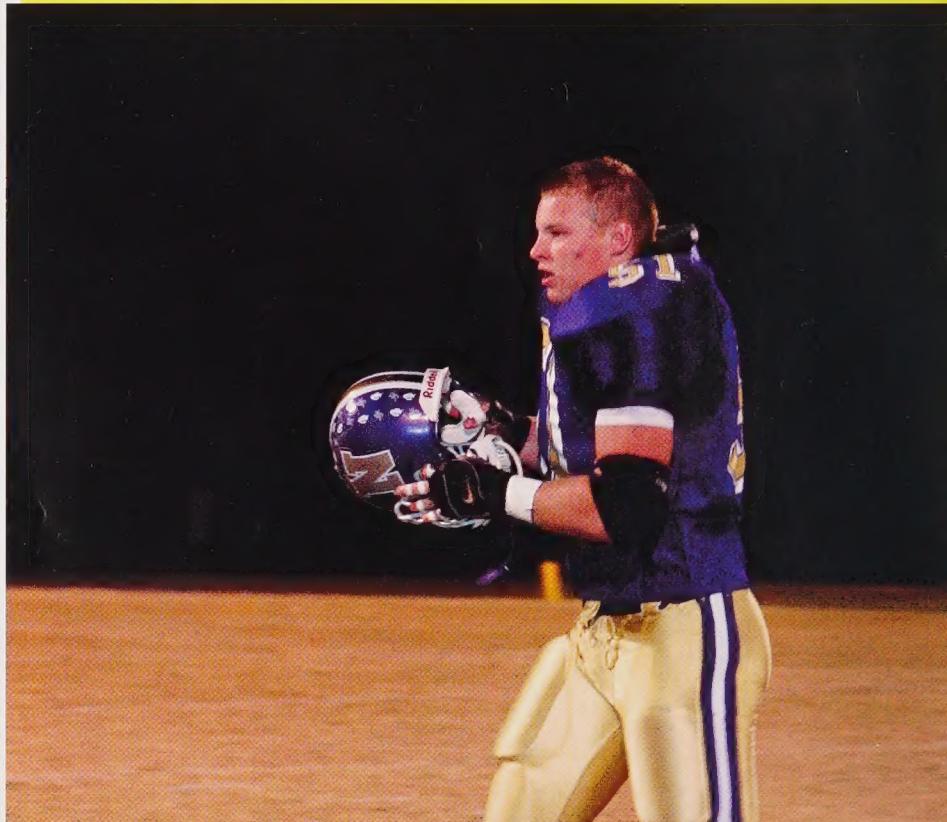
A little more shut eye. Mornings come awfully early for some students, especially when you've been used to getting up late all summer long. Photo by F. Gore

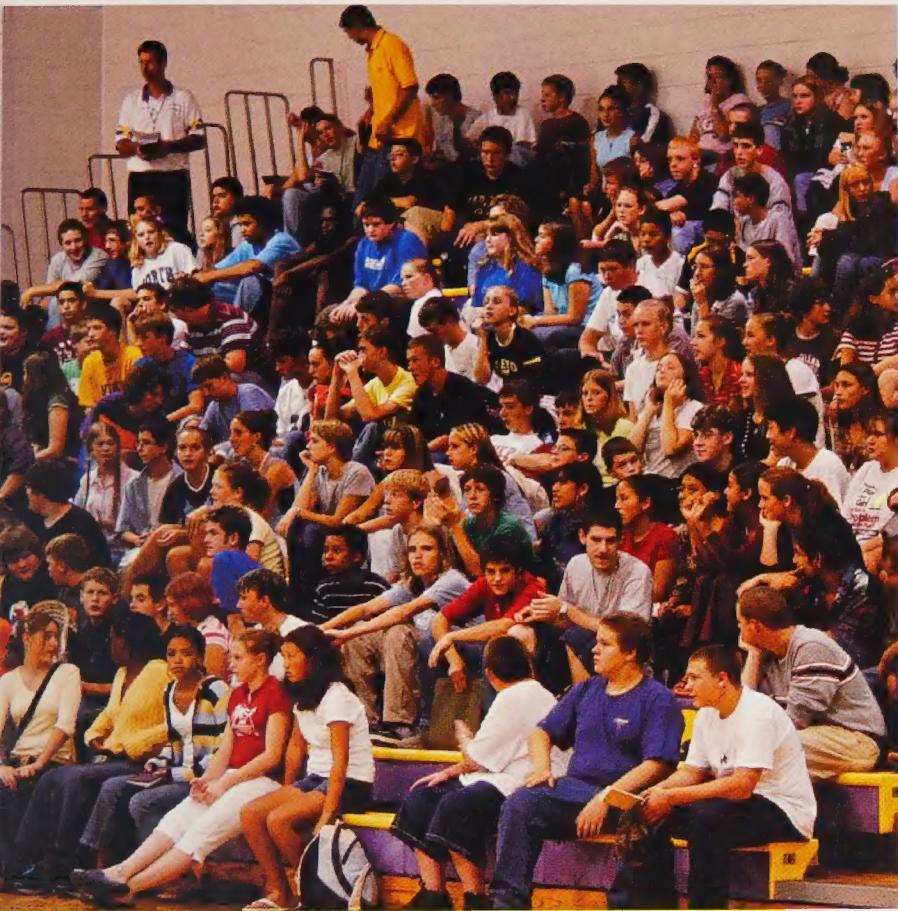
Sweating it out. Zach Brown leaves the field at halftime, sweaty and thirsty. School meant more than just socializing and schoolwork to athletes, who did their best to make the Knights shine. Photo by Lifetouch

On August eleventh, 2003, over nine hundred students walked in the doors of North Henderson High School. Many greeted old friends, swapped stories of summer trips, or even ran into old rivals. Some, perhaps, were nervous, walking into the commons area for the first time. Quickly, students found old friends, discovered new ones, and settled into the school routine.

Through academics, through athletics, and most of all, through friendship, everyone found a place at North. Students and faculty united together as a school and as a family. The Knights work together to preserve and improve the reputation of the school.

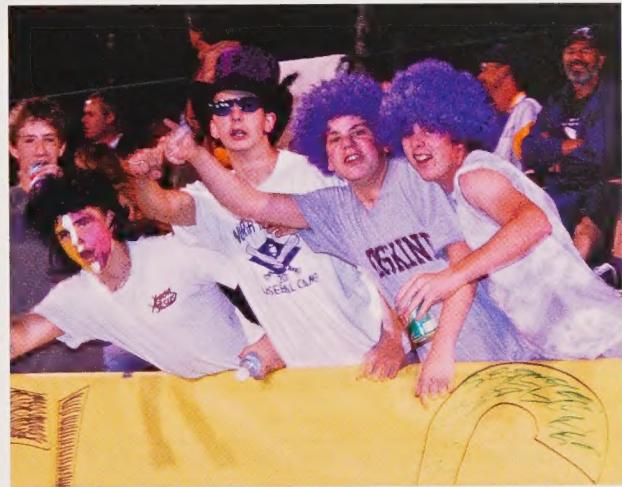
The Three Musketeers said it best--part of the code of knighthood is having a single goal--a purpose. "All for One!" they shouted, then "One for All." Though the students at North





Take a look around! The Freshman class comes together for a pep rally. Students enjoyed more pep rallies this year than before, including two during homecoming week. Photo by F. Gore

Getting colorful. Taking a hint from college sports fan, member of the spirit club show up in purple to cheer on the football team. Photo by F. Gore



It's not all fun and games. Students take a look at the serious side of life, too, coming together at See you at the Pole. Students arrived early to pray for the school. Photo by F. Gore.

All.

were all unique, all together they make up one school, one spirit, and one drive to excel.

Together, the students at North Henderson worked hard to make this school number one--in academics, in athletics, in clubs and competitions, and most of all, in the hearts of the students and faculty who walked these halls everyday. It took everyone to make this school year a success.

This year, the Knights celebrate the things that bring them together, and the things that make each of them stand out. A school is a crowd, team, a school--but each student was an individual and proud of what he or she brought to the school. Each person contributed to the whole. Together, we were one for all.

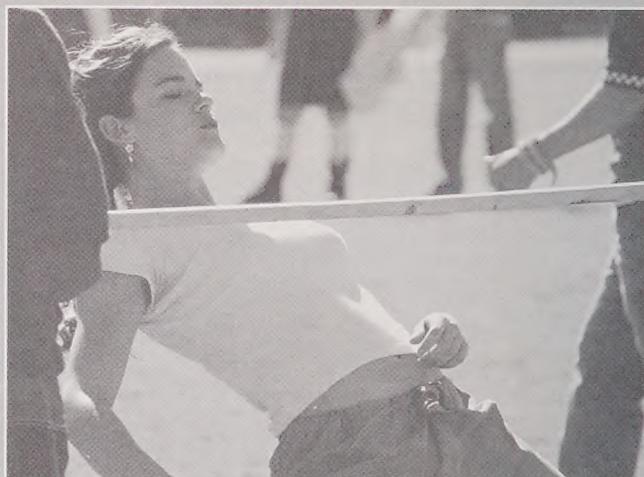
Chapter one...

As one chapter closed, another opened. Each year is a fresh start for the students and the faculty at North Henderson High School, and this year was no exception. Throughout the school year, students were introduced to new ideas, new responsibilities, and even a new principal.

The middle of August was filled with getting up early in the morning, getting schedules corrected and down pat, and getting together with friends. For Seniors, there was the nostalgic recollection that this was the last new year of high school for them. No year could seem so long and so short at the same time, from sweating it out waiting for SAT results to come in, to the short amounts of time to be spent with friends before graduation opened new doors and new challenges.

For Freshman, there were new halls to roam, new faces to learn, and new mistakes to make. Just finding classes in the first few days could be a minefield.

Every day, a new page is turned which helped to form the long chapter of high school years. And as this chapter closes, we will all be looking forward to new opportunities in the next chapter, no matter what it may hold.



Bending over backwards! Ariel Odom sees how low she can go in the Field Day Limbo contest. Students had to be flexible both in and out of school. Photo Courtesy of F. Gore.



May I have your autograph, please? Stephanie Williams, Crista Donaldson and Holly Rhodes socialize at last year's yearbook signing party. The book signing is something that brings the entire student body together for the final time of the school year. Photo courtesy of F.

Having a Swinging Time! Karlie Justus and the dance team let the senior football players know how well they are appreciated during the Homecoming pep rally. This was just one way that the student body came together this year. Photo by Lifetouch.



Dress Up Days Sched-

Spirit week dress up days were a chance for students to dress in clothes they would not normally wear to school. Many students went all out to show their spirit.

The dress up days included:

Monday: Superhero day. Students dressed up as Superman, Spiderman, the Ninja Turtles and many other superheroes.

Tuesday: Boy/Girl switch day. Girls and boys switched clothes for the day. Girls sagged thier pants and boys wore wigs and dresses.

Wednesday: Costume day. Students dressed like they were trick-or-treating.

Thursday: Renaissance day. The theme of homecoming was shown on this day. Students dressed as princes and princesses.

Friday: Purple and Gold day. With faces painted and spirit flags waving, students dressed in their purple and gold. They continued their dress to the football game to show the spirit at the



Meow. Noemi Martinez dresses as a cat on costume day. Many students had fun dressing as their favorite animal on costume day. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Pump *A Week of Spirit* It up!



Rah Rah! Mr. Manuel, Mr. Williams, Mr. Edney, and Mr. Coren cheer on the crowd at the pep rally. These teachers with several others perform a hilarious skit which won the skit competition. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Spirit week was a week for students to be crazy while showing school spirit. From the skit competition to dress up days, students showed their hard core spirit for the purple and gold.

This year a skit competition was added. Many clubs participated in this new tradition. Wayne and Alison Knock did a skit where they imitated a buzzing bee flying around a football player. The teachers also participated. Mr. Coren, Mr. Williams, Mr. Loving, Mr. Frady, Mr. Manuel, and Mr. Figart did a skit of a cheerleading tryout. These hilarious men did jumps and cheers and they won the contest.

The second day was also a new tradition. Students dressed up as the opposite gender for boy/girl switch day. Many guys wore dresses and wigs, and girls wore baggy shorts and tennis shoes. This day was alot of fun for the students.

Student Council organized dress up days, field day and the other attributes to spirit week. They worked very hard to make spirit week a success. Everyone in Student Council put forth effort to make spirit week the success that it was.

Students highly enjoyed spirit week. It gave many students a chance to show their "wild side" while also showing school spirit.



Aww! On costume day, Heather Buckner dresses as strawberry shortcake. Students dress in Halloween costumes during spirit week. Photo by Excalibur staff.



Cat in the Hat! Brittany Carter watches the activites at Field day. She dressed as the the Cat in the hat on costume day. Students had fun dressing in halloween costumes. Photo By Excalibur Staff.

Is that Coach!? Jared Justus, Casey Wilson, Andy Macmahan, and Patrick Mugan dress as the football coaches for superhero day. Many people think they look just like the real coaches. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



We love the Nerds!! The Honors Society did a skit where they acted as math nerds. Many people loved this skit. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Whoa! Jake Willingham dresses like a Sumo Wrestler. This "blow-up" costume was fun. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

by
Haley
Donaldson

- North Band plays while students are entering
- Chorus sings the Star Spangled Banner
- Mr. Burch introduced the Ladies Homecoming Court
- Part One of the Scavenger Hunt King's court
- The Student Band – Crime and Chemistry
- The Step Team, Mixed Forces, performs
 - DECA Signs of Spirit Competition results
 - Dance Team performed two dances
 - Part Two of the Scavenger Hunt
 - North Band Plays, Varsity Cheerleaders perform
 - Varsity and JV Cheerleaders perform
 - Part Three of the Scavenger Hunt
 - Varsity Cheerleaders Cheer with Crowd Response
 - Crime and Chemistry, our student band
 - Varsity and JV Cheerleaders cheer



Looking on! Seniors Stephanie Williams, Jennifer Wilder, and Allison Nock smile at the Pep Rally. The girls wore their shirts at almost every pep rally. Photo by K. Hester.

Keep on truckin! The team pulls hard as they try to win the war. The team left the football field holding the victory for this war. Photo by K. Hester.



Playing Field Day and Signs of Spirit Games

Spirit week in itself is very exciting, but if you add in special activities such as field day and signs of spirit, it really makes the week special.

Field day is an activity many students look forward to. There are games, races, and contests. Many students chose not to participate but to watch. Equally, many students chose to participate. Michael Maldonado and his balloon tossing partner John Choi won victory over the other participants in the balloon toss. The men were each a foot off the track when the race ended. Proud of his victory, Michael Maldonado said, "Winning was off the heezy-fa-sheezy!"

Every student had his or her own way of expressing their school pride. During homecoming week a.k.a spirit week one way student council brought all the school together was the Signs of Spirit contest. Each class, club or organization had the chance to create their own spirit sign to be hung around the football field for the football game for the chance to win a pizza party from Pizza Hut. After spending hours perfecting the sign, hanging it up perfectly, and hoping it would catch the judge's eye, the entrees were in. The winner was soon to be decided.

At 1:30 on October 24, the student body went to the gym for the homecoming pep rally. Among other things, students would find out the signs of spirit winner. After all the contestants were in the middle of the gym floor with their participation certificates, the top three winners were announced. Jessica Capps accepted the third place award for OCS. Jennifer Wilder accepted second place for Basic. In first place, Hosa was announced the winner with Amanda Sigmon accepting the award.



Pass it on! Shawn Sellers passes an orange onto Christina Storm during a field day event. Both of the freshmen enjoyed their first high school field day and participated in events. Photo by K. Hester.



Toss it! Mark Kimbro tosses a sock into the air. Matt Franks was an onlooker for this event. Photo By K Hester.



Tug of War! Brandee Anderson declares the winner of the tug of war challenge. Brandee participated in many events despite the days chilly tempatures. Photo By K. Hester.



And the winner is... Mrs. Singletary steps up to the microphone to announce the Signs of Spirit winners. DECA was in charge of the judging. Photo by K. Hester.



The Winners! Amanda Sigmon, Jennifer Wilder and Jessica Capps are all smiles after their clubs were declared the winners of the signs of spirit contest. Their clubs were Hosa, BASIC and OCS. Photo By K Hester.

School Spirit! Onlookers take a look at the signs of spirit hanging near on the fence. These four signs were just a small portion of the many signs that could be seen. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Singletary.



by
Brooke
Powers

King:
Jonathan
Bateman

Queen:
Heather Buckner

Favorite Color

King: Blue
Queen: Purple

Favorite Food

King: Chinese
Queen: Italian

Favorite T.V. Show

King: Comic View
Queen: Saturday Night Live

Favorite actor/actress

King: Chris Tucker
Queen: Edward Norton

Favorite type of music

King: Rap and R&B
Queen: Depends on mood

Favorite school subject

King: Math
Queen: Theatre

Favorite teacher

King: Mrs. Jackson
Queen: "They all have a special place in my heart"

Royal Favorites

One Medieval Knight

Drum it up! Ryan Hoots, the drummer for the band Crime and Chemistry, drummed his way through three oldies. Everyone was surprised at his spectacular performance of wipe out! Photo by Excalibur Staffstaff.



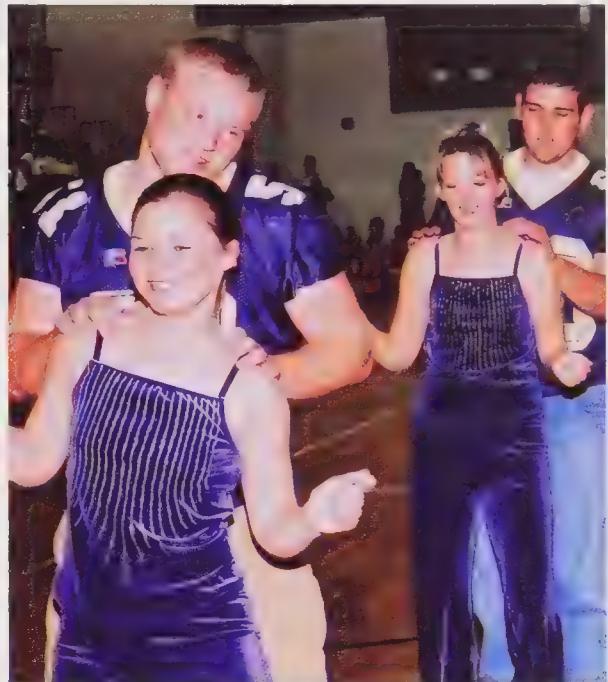
The homecoming game was one of the biggest games of the season. Not only did you go to see the game, but also to see the homecoming court. Being a member of the homecoming court is a major accomplishment. "Because a lot of people voted for me, that means they would like to see me on the homecoming court," said Christina Chavez.

The school nominated the king's and queen's court members on October first. Then on October 24th, the winners were announced at the homecoming game. The new Homecoming King and Queen were Jonathan Bateman and Heather Buckner. Even though Homecoming King is a big responsibility, the best thing about it, according to Jonathan, is "Knowing that a lot of people voted for me to be the new homecoming king."

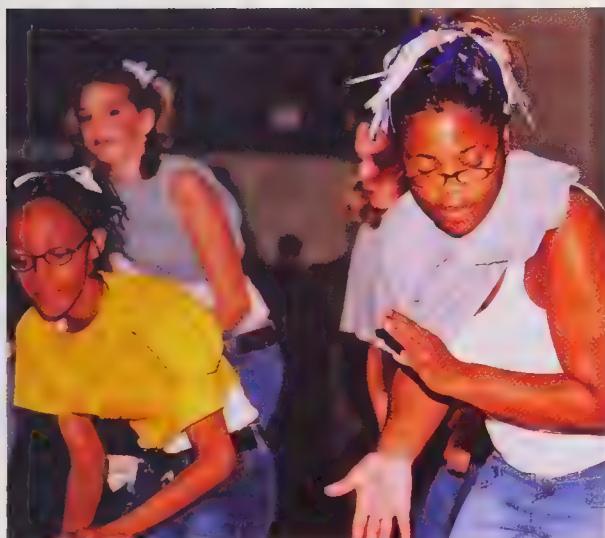
The game was a big success for the football team, and a real cliff-hanger. But, in addition to the game, there were also wonderful performances by the step team, the dance team and the marching band, as well as the presentation of the Homecoming Queen's Court.



You go girls! The dance team made up a special dance to include the football players that made the crowd go wild. Photo by Excalibur staff



From princess to queen! Heather Buckner was so excited about being crowned Homecoming Queen that she shed a few tears of joy with her dad. Photo by Life Touch



You know it! Nikie Wallace, Jennifer Kitchen and shannon Martin show their stuff by their amazing performance at the homecoming rally. Photo by Excalibur staff

Hut Hut Hut! The football players had a great homecoming game. They had a spectacular win and were ready to get out there and play another game. Photo by Excalibur staff.

by
Tegan
Souther

Abercrombie&Fitch- Usually preppy clothes that are a little faded and worn.

Hot Topic-They usually sell more punk and goth clothes for people that like to stand out.

Belk-They sell all different types and brands of clothing that almost everyone can wear.

Pacific Sun-Here there are a lot of fun clothes they have different surfing brands like Roxy or skating brands like Ethnies.

Wet Seal-Full of colorful clothing that girls that like to have fun wear.

Aeropostale-Preppy clothing that people who are looking for really cute and comfortable clothes wear.

Journeys- A shoe store that sell shoes that are considered cool and in-style this year.

New York and Company.-This store has clothes that are popular up north and all over the west coast.

The Gap-Clothes that are in-style and a lot like the clothes that New York & Co. sell but are a little bit more common for people down south.

Fashion *showing different styles* Sense

Just Jeans and a T for me!
Patrick Gillien stands in the lunch room wearing a comfortable gray T-shirt, a nice pair of jeans, and a pair of white tennis shoes. He looks comfortable, but still really good. Photo by Celeste Jones.



Fashion is one of the clearest ways a person can make a statement about himself or herself. It portrays individuality and the things you like. There have been many different and unique outfits this past year. Students seem to be able to take the same items and wear them different ways, look great, and look nothing like another student wearing the same item.

Clothes can be fun to wear and shop for no matter who you are (especially if you are a girl). There are many places to shop and many clothes to shop for. The most popular stores are American Eagle, Wal-Mart, Hot Topic and many more. Some people love clothes and have tons of really awesome outfits. People like Mallory Bennet, Laura Williams, April Reeves, Jamie and Karlie Justus and a few other people that have their own style that they love and look good in.

No matter what your fashion sense may be, if you have confidence in what you wear, you look good and show off an individual, tasteful style that draws a lot of positive attention.



Hello cutie! Breanne Kemack is a cute girl in her red, white and green striped top and a hello kitty purse. Photo by Celeste Jones



In style! Mallory Bennet and Brandee Anderson wear clothes that are in style and something that we could see Britney Spears or Jennifer Aniston wearing on the streets. Photo by Celeste Jones



Hot topics! April Reeves and Brooke Taylor show off their unique and individual style that is sure to catch some eyes. Photo by Celeste Jones



Southern Pride! Cory Stepp shows his southern style by wearing a hat, fishing shirt and a Carhartt jacket. Photo by Celeste Jones



Style'in! Elisha Medeiros and Diana Torres hang out in the hallway together looking very stylish in their outfits. Photo by Celeste Jones

by
Celeste
Jones

Rock and Roll

1. A cast full of very energetic people who are willing to work REALLY hard.

2. A good multi-dimensional Script.

3. A great running crew.

4. Brilliant costume and makeup designers. who can bring their dreams to life.

5. A whole lot of money to get a little crazy, and take some big risks.

5 things you need to put on a play.



Summer Nights!!
Megan Wilson as
Marty, Candice
Newman as Rizzo,
Heather Buckner as
Frenchy as Brittany
Nix as Jan sing about
the summer! Photo by
Lifetouch

You also need a bunch of money to buy costumes, props, and materials. So in order to have enough money you need to have fundraisers. The fundraiser for Grease was selling pictures and selling rootbeer floats during the intermission.

Rain, Rain Go away! The Trio- Lindey King, Katie Walters and Amanda Parks, is singing it's Raining on prom night. Dr. Warren helped the girls learn their parts and the song. Photo By Lifetouch

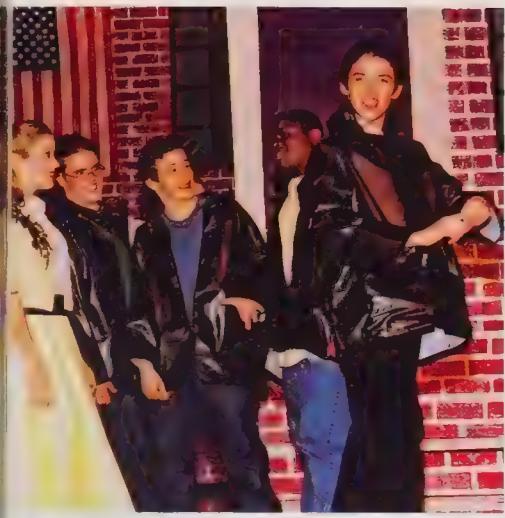


Grease had many activities going on; there are cast members, singers, artists and dancers. All of these jobs had to be done with the help of Mrs. Byorick, Mrs. Justus, Mr. Lewis, and Dr. Warren.

The play opened on March 27, and closed on March 29 and it started at 7:30 p.m each night. The play was shown in the Auditorium, and during the fifteen minute intermission between acts the cast sold concessions and pictures . The reason that they did Grease was they couldn't get the music in time for Cinderella. They had to practice really hard to be able to put it on.

Roger Duckett has never been in a theater class, and he had lots of fun playing the part of Doody, and teen angel. His favorite part was being able to play Doody and teen angel.

Mrs. Byorick said that “the show would not have made it without Mrs. Justus’ dedication and hard work of Allison Nock, Brittany Nix, Matthew Glover, Brittney Stokes, Chris Beach, and Savannah Jordan.” Mrs. Byorick’s favorite memory was how they struggled for a long time with the Greased Lightning car. “We couldn’t get a car built the way we wanted it and the choreography, and the song wouldn’t work without the car. One day Lindsey King’s dad showed up with the hood of a real 1950’s car and in a matter of hours he had created an awesome car for us to use. The song and dance all fell together very magically, thanks to Mr. King’s very hard work.”



Magic Changes! Heather Buckner as Frenchy, Brittany Nix as Jan, Candice Newman as Rizzo Megan Wilson as Marty, Allison Nock as Sandy, Dustin Spooner as Sonny, Wayne Nock as Kenickie, Roger Duckett as Doody, & Matthew Glover as Danny. Sandy looks on as Danny finishes the song about the summer nights. Photo by Lifetouch.



Sleep Well! Heather Buckner as Frenchy, Megan Wilson as Marty, Candice Newman as Rizzo, and Brittany Nix as Jan, enjoyed the fun of putting on a sleepover. Many friendships were made and strengthened during the play. Photo by Lifetouch.



Drive on. Daniel Howard as Roger, Dustin Spooner as Sonny, Wayne Nock as Kenickie and Roger Duckett as Doody, danced and sang on top on the car. Mrs. Justus worked very hard to choreograph the dances. Photo by Lifetouch



Lunch time! Brittany Nix as Jan and Megan Wilson as Marty share food during lunch. Photo by Lifetouch



The End! Roger Duckett as Doody, Heather Buckner as Frenchy, Candice Newman as Rizzo, Wayne Nock as Kenickie, Allison Nock as Sandy, Matthew Glover as Danny, Daniel Howard as Roger, Brittany Nix as Jan, Megan Wilson as Marty, Dustin Spooner as Sonny relax as they end the final song and dance of the play. Many actors love the final scene because it is the big ending. Photo by Lifetouch.

by
Noel
Carter

Get Ready *Feed the Gym rattle* To Rally

What are the top 10 thing that you NEED for a pep rally?

10-All together you've gotta have the "Mixed Forcez".

9-A dance team that knows how to shake it.

8-A Red Hot Band.

7-”Peepy” cheerleaders.

6-Lots of crowd games.

5-An emcee who is excited to be there.

4-Awsome Faculty Planners

3-An administrator that likes them.

2-An enthusiastic crowd

1-SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Go team go. At the pep rally Heather Buckner announces all of the events that take place. She is very cheerful and takes being student body president very seriously. Photo by F. Gore



Go Team Go! Pep rallies gave the whole student body a chance to show their school spirit. They also helped get cheerleaders, sports players, dance team members, and band members ready for a game. Getting ready for a game is an important part of school spirit because hearing the roar of the crowd motivates student athletes to try harder and lets them know that their hard work is appreciated.

Pep rallies were supposed to be fun and noisy. Cheerleaders yelled, and the crowd went wild. It was kind of a warm up for the game that night.

Pep rallies were observed by Ms. Anderson and were directed by Heather Buckner. Heather had a lot of school spirit and was nice to everyone. She was also the student body president. Heather observed the games that went on at the pep rally. She told the students who won what game when we had crowd games.

Ms. Anderson told the crowd when they should stand up for the seniors and when they should sit down. Mainly she just observed the pep rallies.

When the crowd joined in the crowd games, they had a lot of fun and enjoyed the games. The freshmen would always try to beat every other class, but since they were the new kids and had no idea what they were doing, they rarely won. Considering the seniors had the most experience with the games, they often won them.

Pep rallies are for fun; NOT just to get out of class !



Heather Buckner makes sure that she is spirited for the pep rally.
Photo by F. Gore



As he walks. Nick Eddy walked into the gym for the pep rally laughing and talking with his friends. Photo by Noel Carter



Let's here it for Amy Sweezy. She stands on the side lines at the pep rally waiting to cheer. The cheerleaders are spirited and enjoy showing their spirit at the pep rallies. Photo by F. Gore

Spirit Time. Stephanie Hyder, Jennifer Wilder, and Allison Nock show a lot of yellow and purple school spirit for the pep rally. They are happy to get out of class and to be having a lot of fun. Photo by F. Gore.



Get ready to go. The sophomore class gets settled and ready for the pep rally. Photo by K Hester



Adam McCraw walked into the gym trying to find a set. Photo by Noel Carter



Gene Gifford and Sarah Flood try to find their seats with their homerooms. Photo by Noel Carter

by
Courtney
Capps

A Knight to Remember

There are many things that money has to be spent on for Prom. The following lists just a few examples.

Guys need:

Tuxedos: \$80-\$200
Shoes: rented \$10
 bought: \$50 or more
Corsages: \$12 and up
Dinner at a nice restaurant: \$60-\$200

Average cost to go to Prom:\$250

Girls need:

Dress: \$175 or more
Shoes: \$30
Jewelry: \$20 or more
Boutonniere: \$12
Hair: \$20 or more
Nails: \$25

Average cost to go to prom: \$400

Other necessities:

Tickets: sell chocolates or pay \$50
Limousine: \$300

Taking a break!! Casey Curbor and Shiyrah Mielke, after getting off the hot spot on the dance floor, quickly got a sip of punch to refresh their thirst. Prom may have cost a lot, but at least the punch was included. Photo by Excalibur staff.



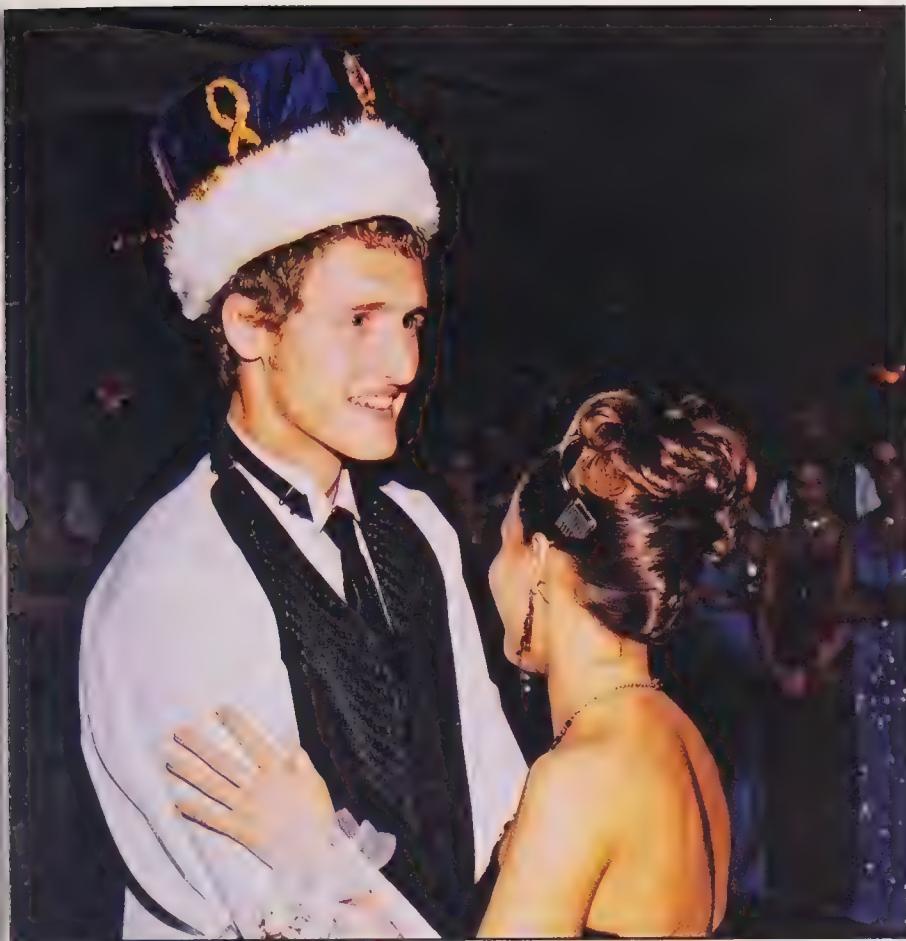
“A knight to remember” Was a good idea for the 2003 prom theme. The night stood out for all the seniors and juniors who went. Whether it was the hair, the dress, the shoes, or just finding a tuxedo for the guys, getting ready for prom was hectic for everyone. Although no freshmen or sophomores were allowed, seniors and juniors got their own party started.

For the first time, only juniors and seniors were allowed to go to prom. Seniors Chris Casto and Matt Orr were asked what they thought about this big change. They responded, “I didn’t like it because juniors or senior couldn’t take their boyfriend or girlfriend because they were under classmen”. This was a common problem for some of the seniors and juniors who wanted to be accompanied by a sophomore or freshmen.

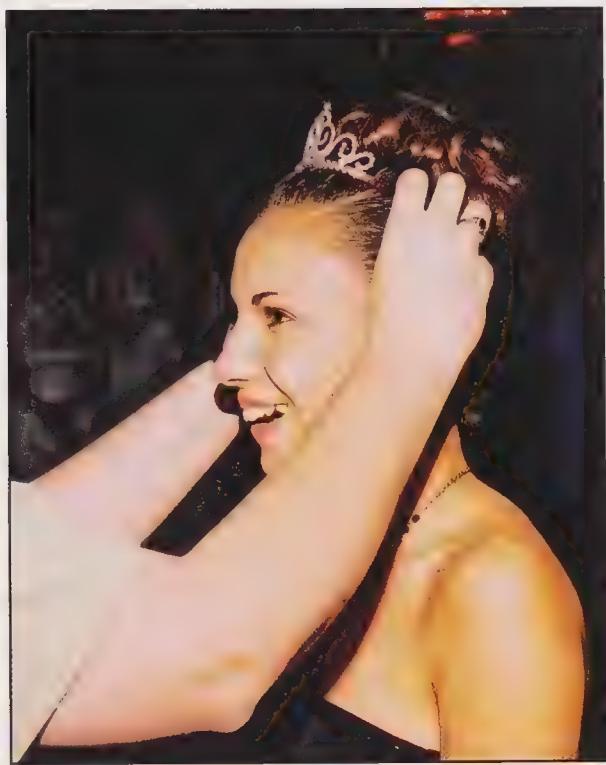
When the clock struck twelve, prom was over, but the party was only starting for some students. They kept the party going by either going to another party or deciding to grab a snack or go have fun somewhere else. Many students preferred to go somewhere else rather than just go home.

For example, Brittney Stokes headed to a restaurant with all her friends. She had lots of fun with her friends. She later went to her boyfriend’s house and watched a movie.

But in the end, everyone had to sleep and decided to head home and have a very long nap.



Crowned with love!! Mrs. Willingham crowns Jonnie Fuentes at prom, suprising her with the realization that she was Queen of the night. Many of the students were happy with the results. Photo by Excalibur staff.



A moment in the spotlight!!! Travis Jones and Jonnie Fuentes have a special song played for them both. Travis has a great big smile from ear to ear, happy with being voted to be prom King. Photo by Excalibur staff.



What a crowd!!! Tamara Cox, Matt Walkers, Leslie Sweezy, and Partick Mugan have a unforgettable time at Prom. The 2003 Prom was at the Renaissance Hotel. Photo by Excalibur staff



Brianna Prather, Nikki Devore, Brianna Kauppila and Pricilla Massey crowded to see the crowning of the queen and king. Photo by Excalibur staff.



Getting ready! Bethany Hatshorn is getting ready to go inside the Renaissance hotel and have the time of her life. Photo by Excalibur staff



Shake it!! Amanda Buck has a lot of fun during prom dancing all night with her friends. Photo by Excalibur staff

by
Anahi
Perez

Most people agree that Hollywood romances aren't likely to last. What people don't know is that a lot of Hollywood friendships *do* last. Anybody

knows who Matt Damon and Ben Affleck are, even from TV, would probably know that the two Hollywood actors are never far from each other's sides, as they are the closest of Hollywood friends.

Before the two men were living in a small Hollywood apartment trying to make it as actors, they were young boys, not even teenagers, playing little league, taking drama classes and acting in small parts in "Burger King" commercials. Later on, in that small apartment in Hollywood, Ben and Matt would get their big break on a screenplay which would soon become a big Hollywood hit, *Good Will Hunting*.

Today both have grown into very successful men. At the age of thirty-three, Matt has been in up to 26 movies (as of 2003); while Ben, at age 31, has been in almost 34 movies. No matter what is to come in their futures, if they leave Hollywood tomorrow, we'll all know that Ben Affleck and Matt Damon are true Hollywood friends and their friendship will last until the end.

Friends *relationships that last 'til the end*

Million Dollar Smiles!
Brittany Wilson and Brianna Ward smile at a football game. The girls were both supporters of the football team, coming to every home game. Photo courtesy of Brittany Wilson.



Few people stay friends all through school. Freshmen Alicen Hyder, Michelle Janes, Kayla Donaldson, Jessica Loveday and Leah Cagle have all been friends for almost five years. Over the summer they all attended Camp Caswell in Myrtle Beach.

Some friends just enjoyed hanging around enjoying each other's company; Sophmores Ashton Sprouse and Shannon Haggerty were asked what their favorite activity was, and they said they enjoyed "hanging out and listening to music." The girls even stayed close on the weekends, so they could almost always be found together.

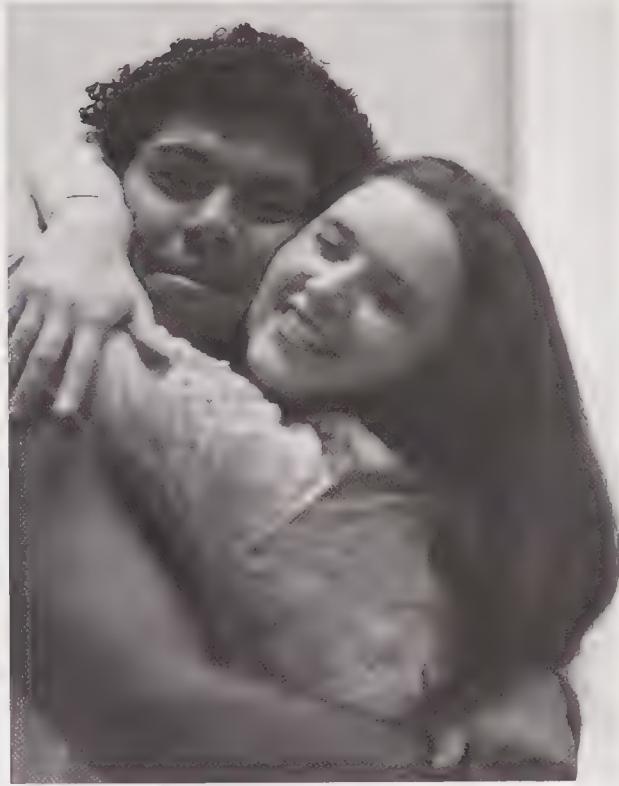
Another weekend rolled around, and what to do? Juniors Barrett Moore and her friend Deanna McCall could often be seen at Friday night football games showing their school spirit. This was just the start of their weekend, though; they also enjoyed talking on the phone and watching movies.

Junior Kristen Schultz made the most out of her time with her best friend, senior Joleen McDaniel, who would be going to college soon. The first two years will be easy to keep in touch, as Joleen will be going to school at Blue Ridge; the second may not be so easy. Joleen planned on switching from Blue Ridge after her second year. Joleen planned to come to as many football games and other activities as she can, to keep in touch.

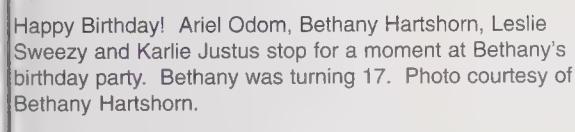
All friends are different, but all have definite ways of keeping their friendship strong. Friendships may have formed before coming to school, or may have formed while attending our school, but no matter what, you can always find a friend at North.



Best Friends! Samantha Wooten and Erica Corn take time for a quick picture. The girls have been friends all through high school and will graduate this year. Photo courtesy of F. Gore.



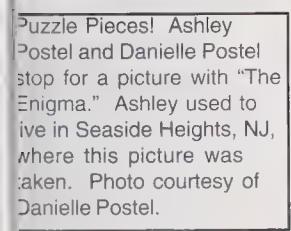
A Bear Hug! Michael Maldonado bear hugs Amanda Parks in the hallway. Michael and Amanda have known each other since the 9th grade. Photo by K. Hester.



In their spare time, Barrett Moore, Leena Gifford, Tiffany Blount and Deanna McCall smile before going to lunch. Some of the girls have been friends for a while, and some just met this year. Photo courtesy of Barrett Moore.



Strike a Pose! Lisi Mendez and Lupita Aguillion stop for a quick picture before heading off to lunch. The pair has been friends since 6th grade. Photo courtesy of Lisi Mendez.



Puzzle Pieces! Ashley Postel and Danielle Postel stop for a picture with "The Enigma." Ashley used to live in Seaside Heights, NJ, where this picture was taken. Photo courtesy of Danielle Postel.

by
Brooke
Powers

The Last Walk to Freedom

Teachers dress in black robes and have gold sashes around their necks, the official robes of their college and post college degrees. They also wear black "mortarboard" hats with gold trim. Teachers attend graduation looking somber and serious in their black robes and finery.

At the ceremony the teachers sit in their chairs and listen to the speeches that some of the students have.

Afterwards, some of the teachers speak with their former students. They talk about how much they enjoyed having these students in their classes and things like that. After the ceremony even teachers may cry a little and then they have fun with their students one last time on grad night. Even the teachers play games and act like little kids. They wish that the night would never end as they start saying good-bye and good luck to former students.



As the students get ready to graduate the teachers do nothing but talk. Photo by C Gore

Get ready to graduate! Megan Gillum gets ready to graduate on May 29. She's getting her string and toys ready to go crazy with. Photo by F Gore



Bye Bye Bye! On May 29, 2003 at 6:00 p.m., the class of 2002 got ready to graduate. As they walked to the stadium waiting to say goodbye to all the teachers and to their school, they had their heads held high. They were all happy to graduate and go on to bigger and better things, but they were also sad to leave their friends and teachers.

The seniors were all dressed in purple and gold. They had on purple robes and mortarboard hats, and on the hats, they wore tiny gold tassels. Along with their robes they had long gold cords.

The teachers were dressed in black robes and gold sashes around their necks also. They were thrilled to see their former students graduate after so many years. Everyone had a blast. And by eight p.m., the ceremonies were over.

But the fun was just beginning. All the graduates and faculty could choose to go to grad night, a school-sponsored post-graduation party. At grad night, former students spent more time with their friends and teachers. They played games and listened to music and once again they acted as if they were kids. The young adults had fun on this night but soon realized that they couldn't always have this much fun. It was time to get serious and start thinking about their future plans.



As the seniors get ready to leave the stadium they are happy that they actually graduated and they really got this far. Photo by F Gore



The graduates are here. They walk into the stadium ready to graduate. Their heads are held high and you know they're proud of themselves to come this far.
Photo by F Gore

Leaving the stage! After the seniors graduate and have fun, they leave and go home. Seniors throw silly string all over themselves and the teachers. Photo by F Gore



The seniors get ready to throw some silly string.
Photo by F Gore



It's finally time. Seniors stand outside of the school waiting for the time to come for them to get their diploma. They are very anxious.
Photo by C Gore

The seniors get finished with the fun and get ready to file out.
Photo by F Gore



by
Courtney
Capps

Many teens have problems saving their money. With car payments and cell phone bills, students need to learn how to be wise with their money.

There are two main ways to gather that moolah:

- Make more money.
- Save more money.

Here are a bunch of ideas that can help you:

- Ask your parents for an allowance. Many parents reward you for making good grades or doing various jobs around the house.
- You can also sell many of your old toys that you no longer need. Like your ninja turtle, old lunch boxes, dolls, board games, and video games can be sold. Have a yard sale!
- Another way is to get a job. This one is the most popular among students.
- Save before spending. Take a certain amount of money out on every pay check put it into the bank get a savings account.
- Also, you can negotiate with your parents. This may not work, but its worth a shot. Tell them for every dollar you put in savings they should give you fifty cents. Since, you are saving your money, your parents will be proud of you and give in.
- Also, consider investing your money into the bank and getting interest off the money that you put in the bank.

These are just a few way for you as a student to save your money.

Working hard *Looking for a pay off* for the money!

Returning items to where they belong is part of Jeff Soebee's job, working hard at customer service desk at Super Wal-Mart. Jeff has worked at Wal-Mart for over a year. Jeff said he enjoys his job and likes the fact that he works with other students from our school.
Photo by Elisha Medeiros



Many students have jobs to support their expenses. Many sacrifices are made to keep the jobs and keep up with the expenses of being a teenager. Jobs are a way to earn money to get to the goals that students want to reach. Jobs provide money for cars, cell phones, and weekends. Students work hard in their jobs to pay for everyday expenditures.

Popular places for students to work include Chick-Fil-A, Super Wal-mart, Ingles, or even in their parents' businesses.

Students have regular expenses and bills to be paid. Car payments, insurance, and cell phone bills take a majority of the money. Students whose parents do not pay for these expenses must work in order to keep their cars running and their cell phones ringing.

When we asked Frannie Rogers what she was doing with her money, she replied "I am saving to buy a new car."

We also asked Jason Heaton how many hours in a usual week that he works . He said he works 25 hours in a week and that is why he comes to school so tired.

Jessica Sabin said that, "having a job isn't any fun because it is all work and no play!"

Also, many parents make their child keep a job in order to teach responsibility. They want their child to have the "real-world" experience of having a job.



Starting off. Brittney Shope helping customers on her second day at Ingles. She is a cashier and says so far she really enjoys her job. Brittney is saving her money for a car. Photo by Elisha Medeiros

Skate away. Kathy Frady is working after school to make money. She skates off to serve customers at Sonic Drive-in. She enjoys getting to skate to the customers. Photo by Elisha Medeiros



Working hard. Christine Wray said she likes her job a lot but would love more money. Photo by Elisha Medeiros



Megan Guy said she would rather be at home than work any day.



Patrick Brow enjoys working, it goes to pay off his red Ford Focus.



Blane King bags the food after helping the customers at Ingles. Photo by Elisha Medeiros

by
Elisha
Medeiros

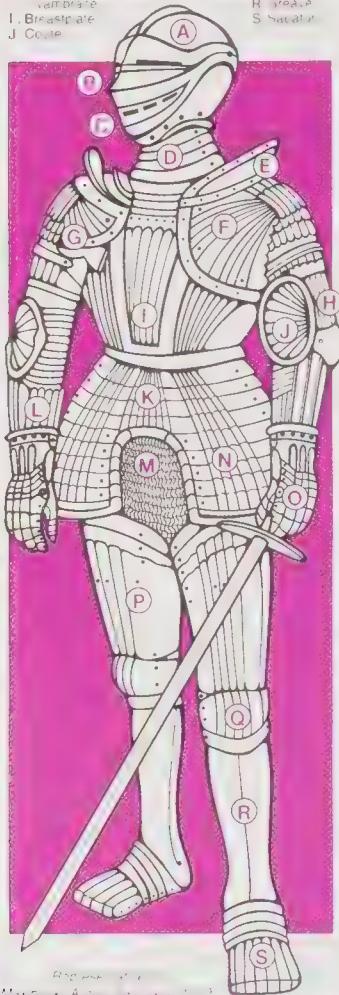
About Our Mascot

A Knight's Armor

FRONT VIEW

A. Skull of the close helmet
B. Sights on the visor
C. Breastplate
D. Beaver
E. Lance pierce
F. Pauldron
G. Lance rest
H. Upper armlet of the vambrace
I. Breastplate
J. Couter

K. Fauld or skirt
L. Lower armlet of the vambrace
M. Mail skirt or fauld
N. Tasset
O. Solleret
P. Greave
Q. Poynt
R. Greave
S. Solleret



The Way We Represent Purple and Gold

Teachers in spirit!! Coach Hart, Mrs. Case, and Mrs. Lemons show spirit by wearing purple and gold. Even faculty and staff get into the spirit. Photo by Excalibur staff



The way we represent purple and gold is shown in the student's spirit for North Henderson High School.

All kinds of students dress in purple and gold in order to show their love and appreciation for what their school has given them.

One way for students to represent school colors is by dressing up in purple and gold for pep rallies. Students at pep rallies can color their hair, paint their face, and design shirts.

Students also dress up at football games, just as Danielle Freeman did at many of North's football games. She wore her designed shirt and purple and gold bows in her hair. Students at football games go all out with their spirit and school colors. Heather Buckner is a huge football fan, and always comes to all school events dressed in the brightest of purples and golds.

Purple and gold have been North's school colors for the past decade. Its what all the students dress up in to show their pride and to show that North is superior compared to all other schools.

Every student should be proud and always wear purple and gold to all school events to represent the Knights!



Purple Pride!! Meredith Wilson and Brian McCall sit in the stands at one of North's football games. Meredith is cheerleader and Brian is a golfer. Photo by Excalibur staff



Number One!! Heather Buckner shows her spirit by painting her face and wearing a purple wig at the football games. Heather Buckner is also the student body president and is at all of the football games. Photo by K Hester

Decorated Students! Danielle Freeman, dressed in purple and gold, talks to Morgan Drake while getting her money out to purchase something from the concession stand. Money made at concessions goes to help support the athletics department. Photo by Ginny Jackson



Cool Cat!! Corey Williams sits in the stands while watching the fooball game vs. Mountain Heritage. Corey traveled over an hour to get to the game. Photo by Excalibur staff



Lauren Cagle, Meredith Swain, Mallory Bennett, Brandy Anderson, Holly Stepp, and Holly Rhodes hang out in the student parking lot. All of these girls are seniors. Photo by Excalibur staff

by
Marissa
Zepeta

Students are crazy about Technology today; the down side to this is the cost of them. Here is a list of some basic technology that we use:

Most Popular Computers:

Dell- \$1418.00
Gateway- \$699.99
IBM- \$749.00

Digital Camera's- \$399.99

Most Popular Camcorder's:

Sony- \$586.00
Panasonic- \$296.26

Most Popular Cell Phones:

AT&T Wireless- \$149.99
Nextel- \$199.99
Cingular- \$99.99
Verizon- \$69.99
T-Mobile- \$75.99
U.S. Cellular- \$59.99
SunCom- \$59.00

Life without *Technology and School* Technology Bytes

Learn, Learn, Learn! Tommy Hylemon and another student are using the computers in the library to look up some good research. Most students like using the computers on a day to day basis. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



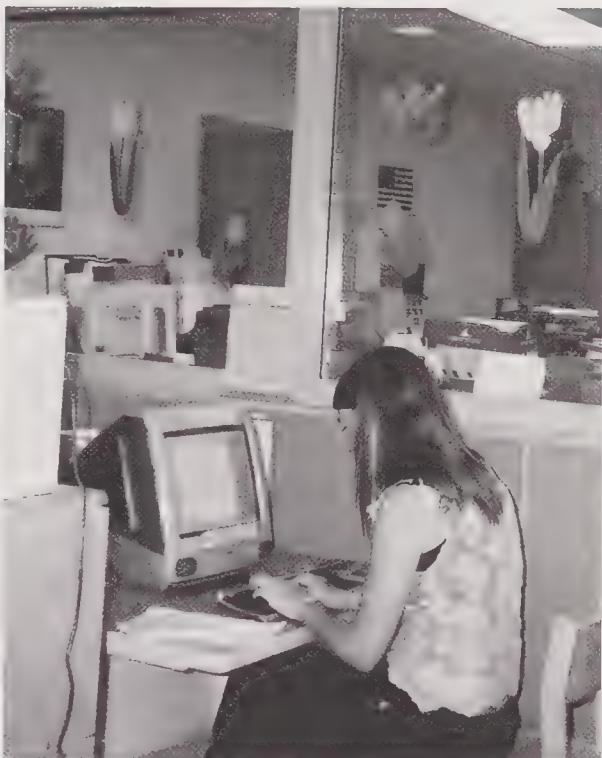
Technology is a very important resource that we use in life today. We all need technology somehow. If we didn't have it then how would we be able to communicate to anyone? Technology is used by computers, cell phones, email, and basically anything.

Students here at North wouldn't probably know how to act without technology. If they didn't have it then how would they or anyone else be able to look up research or type papers. Also, they could not communicate with their friends or anything. Computers are our best use of technology today. We can do anything through them. Most of the people at North probably couldn't get by without using them. Even the teachers use them a lot too. Teachers communicate by sending emails back and forth to each other. Most people use technology and don't even know they use it. At North the students have most of the technology at their finger tips, they just don't realize it. We have it in our classrooms, library, and Career Center.

Everyone uses technology somehow, even if it's just picking up a cell phone. How would anyone know what's going on all the time if we didn't have it? Many students would be lost without technology.



Tpying Away! Meredith Swain is using technology in the library by typing her paper. A lot of students realize teachers want most of their papers typed. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Studing in the library. These students are trying to look up some research on the computers. Technology is increasing more and more in todays society. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Working Hard. Brittany Jones is using the computer trying to look up some research. Students sometimes use the computer instead of looking in the books. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Itzel Palacios copies down all her research. Photo by Excalibur Staff



Trying to Teach. Mrs. Fletcher's class is working on a project in the media center. They are hurrying because they only have 45 minutes left. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Juan Gamez tries to get all his work done in the media center. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



by
Frannie
Rogers

Action, Inspiration, Motivation Club

The Action, Inspiration, Motivation club which is or known as the AIM club, has helped many Hispanics to get through high school. The AIM club makes students interested in their educations.

Patricia Ramirez, who is one of the leaders of the club, said, "Having fun in every meeting is very important for the students to learn. There are many activities that the club offers; car washes, community service, field trips, and dances are a few. These dances consists of all AIM clubs in the school district; they come and join the dance with us."

To join the club you need to be a migrant student who is trying to graduate from high school.

Diana Torres, another leader, responded "I think the club is important to me because the club has members who relate to my backgrounds, give back to the community, and at the same time have fun."

Ms. Fletcher added "Last year there was only one AIM club in all Henderson County. This year it has grown a lot." So there are many more students participating in the club this year.



Lisi Mendez and Molly Silva, both members of the AIM club, hold up the sign, Car wash. Photo courtesy of W. Fletcher

How The Knights Shine In Different Colors

Showing our colors!! On September 15, Angeles Ramirez, Juan Gomez, Claudia Tamayo, Lupita Aguilera, and Belen Solano helped salute the Mexican flag. A meeting was held for all the members of the AIM club. These meetings are similar to the parades held in Mexico every year. Photo by: W. Fletcher



There are many culture diversities at North Henderson. Some of the nationalities include Mexicans, Costa Ricans, Hondurans and many more, but we have focused on the Mexicans. There are many traditions that differentiate the United States from Mexico. For example, the United States has only one day of Halloween and Mexico has a week.

In this week, family members go to graveyards to visit their relatives who have passed away. They take flowers, candles, and candy for their deceased ones' graves. The kids also dress up, but they ask for money instead of candy.

Another Mexican tradition is *Quinceaneras*. At age fifteen, Hispanic girls have a huge party celebrating their birthday similar to "sweet sixteen" parties in the USA. Costa Rican girls also celebrate this tradition. For the *quinzeanera* and family, it takes almost a year to prepare for the party. The girl who is 15 dances a *valce* to show that she has taken a new step and is now old enough to make a positive decision.

In Mexico, there is no Santa Claus, but there are what are called *Los tres reyes magos*, which means the three wise men. They are the ones who bring presents to everyone that behaves, but come by January the sixth, instead of December twenty-fifth.

There are many more traditions that Mexico has kept over the long years.



Show it off!! Claudia Tamayo dances in front of Mrs.Schlueter's first period class. On September 15, she shows off her authentic Mexican skirt. Photo by K.Hester



Thats the way, uhhh!! Alejandro Correa dances with Mrs.Schlueter during her first period class. She puts on the Mexican outfit, and starts dancing with Alejandro. Photo by K. Hester

Muevelo!! Patricia Ramirez and Angeles Ramirez danced El Jarabe Michocano, at a festival in Ashville. They barely knew the dance so both sisters danced alone. Photo courtesy of Lisi Mendez



Patricia Ramirez,Angeles Ramirez,DianaTorres,Jason Guillen,Leticia Diaz, and Victor Castaneda have a great time washing cars on a Saturday morning. This was assigned for all the mem-bers of the AIM club. Photo courtesy of W. Fletcher



Ole!! Elizabeth Thomas is dancing during a celebration of Mexican Independence. They had fun on the way to Asheville. Photo courtesy of Lisi Mendez



Mrs. Shlueter is having a blast in her first period class dancing with Alejandro Correa. Photo by K. Hester



by
Anahi
Perez

1992

- Hurricane Andrew-Aug. 16-28
- Los Angeles Riots

1993

- The Blizzard of 93'
- The raid on Waco, Texas

1994

- O.J. Simpson is arrested for murder-June 12
- Olympic ice skater Nancy Kerrigan attacked-January 6

1995

- Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky incident
- Oklahoma City April bombing

1996

- 20,000 American troops sent to Bosnia
- Mad Cow disease hits Britain

1997

- Princess Diana dies in car accident-August 31
- Tiger Woods win the Masters

1998

- U.S. Embassies in Africa bombed
- Titanic becomes the most successful movie ever

1999

- Hurricane Floyd- September 14
- Columbine School shooting

2000

- Millennium scare
- Human Genome mapped

2001

- Terrorist Attack- September 11
- First African American Actress (Halle Berry) won Oscar

2002

- U.S. officially declared war against Iraq
- ENRON Accounting scandal

2003

- Space Shuttle Columbia Crash-February 1
- Arnold Schwarzenegger elected governor of California- October 8

Remember When

they were once little kids

Single file! Heather Cornwell, Scott Drake, and Tiffany Wyatt stand in line in first grade like good children. Photo by Excalibur Staff



Memories... We all have them, whether they are good, bad, happy, or sad.

Remember the first day of school? If it was an extra good or bad experience, you probably still remember it.

Most students tend to remember what has happened to them in the first stages of our lives, the first tooth they ever lost, their first puppy dog, and their first broken bone.

Being part of the second grade play is an experience few will forget.

Remember forgetting the lines and not knowing what to do, but the teacher said it was okay to make a mistake.

Remember how special it felt when the most popular kid at your elementary school invited you to their birthday party, that the most famous superhero of that time was going to be at?

Remember how happy you felt when you won the blue ribbon for the most creative science project in the science fair?

Middle school is always fun, with selling candy and getting to pick from the lollipop tree. Eighth grade was the best, getting to go on the eighth grade trip and getting to stay in hotels.

Every day students are building memories that will last them a lifetime.

La! La! La! Allison Nock, Stephanie Hyder, Amy Beth Griffin, and Lauren Cagle sing for a special ceremony at Dana Elementary. Photo courtesy of Alicen Hyder



Ahhhhh! Zack Cashion, Chris Casto, Javier Acosta, Elisha Mederios, Heather Buckner, and Daniel Lamper are happy few seconds before the haunted boat ride begins at Lake Lure. They will be in for a scare. Photo courtesy of Heather Buckner



Go! Go! Go! Shawn Oconner and Adam Hammonds race to win at Chuck E. Cheese. They are at Heather Buckner's Birthday Party. Photo Courtesy of Heather Buckner



Bunny Ears! Emily Lyda and Lecretia Holbert in Kindergarten

Cheese! Ciara Newman, Ashley Wood, Ryan Moore, Michelle Janes, and Alicen Hyder are happy to be getting home from a long day at DollyWood. Photo by Brittany Prince

Brrr! Misty Barnwell and Christi Bower at Chimney Rock. Photo by Christi B.



by
Brittany
Prince

How to become an exchange student

Applicants applying for academic exchange must be between the ages of 15 and 18 years old.

Prices on foreign exchange vary according to which program students choose, average prices could be something like this:

1 semester: \$3,500

1 year: \$4,500

There is financial help available for people who need help on paying for the student exchange program .

Most of the time students are able to choose where they would like to go and what country and city they would like to stay in.

Student exchange should be one of the most memorable trips that a student can ever experience. So if you ever get the opportunity to be an exchange student, you should take it.

Hanging in the mountains!! Aude Salmon and Katie Walters hang out in the yard at Katie's house. Aude is from Venezuela. Photo courtesy of Katie Walters.



A Whole *Crossing Borders in Learning* Different World

Traveling thousands of miles by plane, moving into a temporary home with strangers, and starting a new school with around 1,000 new people is all behind Frauke Luft. Frauke Luft is one of our foreign exchange students from Munster, Germany. She had been here for the entire year and planned to go back home after the school year ended. Frauke came here because she happened to have the opportunity and it was something different to do. One of the biggest differences she saw between America and Germany was that teenagers here get their license at 16, and in Germany they get their license at the age of 18. Another big difference for her was that in Germany they travel by bus, bike, or even walking and here most people travel by car.

For Frauke, school was pretty easy. Her favorite class was dance and her favorite sports were soccer and dance. And her best teachers this year were Mrs. Willingham and Mrs. Justice.

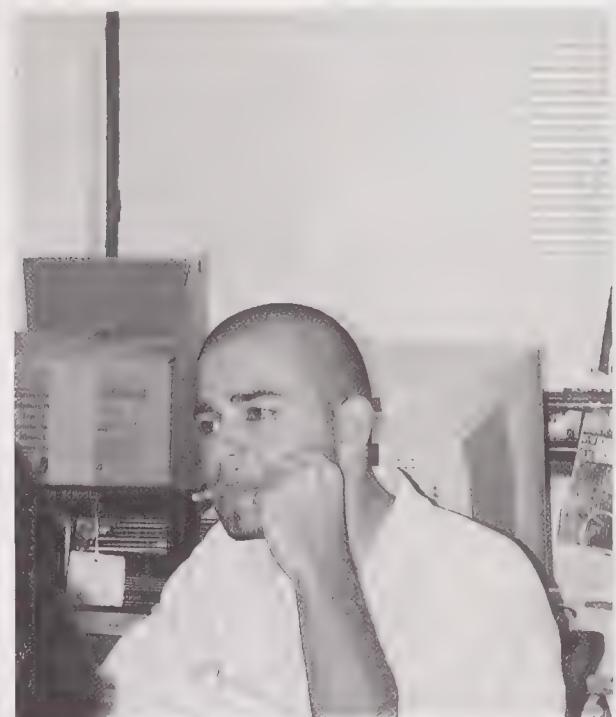
Frauke was not the only student here from a different country. We had Karen Granados here from Honduras, Kenneth and Jason Guillen from Costa Rica, and Kervin Dieudonne from Haiti. Most of these lands are tropical areas.

We also had Aude Salmon here from Venezuela for two weeks. She was staying with Katie Walters, who was a senior this year. Her nationality was French but she had a citizenship between France and Venezuela. She was 19 years old and was majoring in English in college and wants to be an interpreter when she graduated.



Getting Busy!! Frauke Luft sits in Mrs. Hester's English 3 class getting ready to begin on English work. Frauke is from Germany. Photo by K. Hester.

Thinking Hard!! Kenneth Guillen sits in Mr. Peteson's class while thinking about his math work. Kenneth is from Costa Rica. Photo by K.Hester



Hit the books. Alejandro Correa sits in Ms. McNeal's class reading in his English Book. Alejandro is from Mexico. Photo by K. Hester.

Playing numbers!! Karen Granados works in Ms. Taylor's geometry class. Karen is from Honduras. Photo by K.Hester



Being Relaxed!! Kervin Dieudonne sits comfortably in Mr. McNeal's class while concentrating on his work. Kervin is from Haiti. Photo by K.Hester.



by
Marissa
Zepeta

Smile for the *Cause you got caught...* camera

These teachers are more lenient when it comes to breaking rules:

Lenient:

Ms. Mathis
Coach Willams
Coach Coren
Mrs. Martin
Mrs. Justus

These teachers are more strict when it comes to breaking rules:

Non-Lenient

Mrs. Singletary
Dr. Warren
Coach Brown
Coach Birch
Mrs. Lytle
Mr. Manuel

Lenient Teachers



Mrs. Mathis was voted the most lenient teacher.

As students get older, they tend to break more rules for many different reasons. Students break rules because of peer-pressure, to get attention, or just to see what they can get away with. A lot of students feel that some rules are unnecessary, while others feel they are important to maintain a stable and safe environment. When asked, Laren Repass said "Not being able to chew gum is an unnecessary rule to have, but we should all have respect for each other".

Most students tend to break the smaller classroom rules the most. These were a few most common rules that students broke: sleeping, passing notes, throwing paper, not paying attention, not being prepared for class, chewing gum, and the biggest is bringing food or drink from the cafeteria into the classroom. Although some rules are made to be broken, most students seem to feel that when it comes to rule breaking, Ms. Mathis is the most lenient and Dr. Warren is the strictest. Some teachers can let students off with a couple of warnings, but for others it's more serious punishment. So if you like to break rules, make sure you know the right class to break them in.



Shame on you! Celeste Jones is caught listening to her C.D. player in the hall while opening her locker. Photo by K. Hester

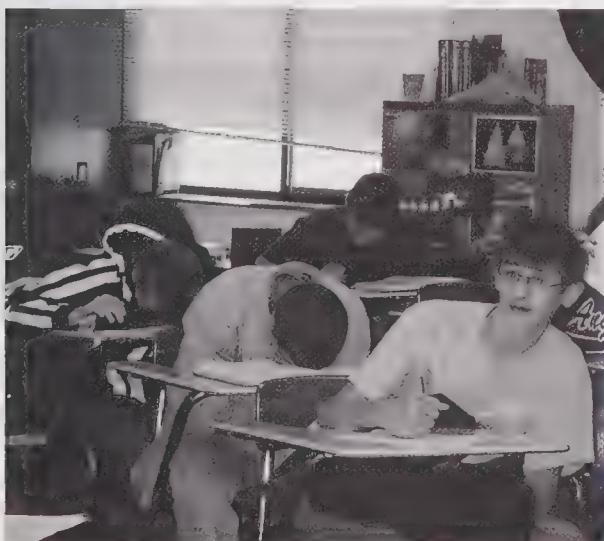


Blah Blah Blah! Steven Stepp and Keith Williams smile for the camera when they get caught talking during class. Most guy students choose to talk during school rather than at home over the phone. Photo by K. Hester



Getting Sleepy? Brittany Enloe gets caught sleeping in her 2nd period algebra two class. Some students find out that staying up late causes consequences when you sleep in class. Photo by Elisha Medeiros

A quick nap won't hurt! Alex Grant falls asleep during Mr. Weast's 2nd period science class. Students who work jobs late at night are usually sleepy at school the next day. Photo by Elisha Medeiros



Take five! Kyle Honeycutt and Jeremy McMinn get caught snoozing in Dr. Warren's pre-algebra class. Students should get 8-9 hours of sleep each night to be well rested. Photo by K. Hester

by
Tegan
Souther

Songs Ashley Staton likes to play

This is a list of the top 10 songs one member of the North Henderson Marching Knights enjoys playing:

10. Louie, Louie
9. Rocky Top
8. Iron Man
7. I can't turn you loose/soul man
6. The "Hey" Song
5. Soak up the sun.
4. Think I can't turn you loose.
3. Soul Finger
2. Land of 1000 dances
1. Flip, flop, and fly

Red Hot Blues



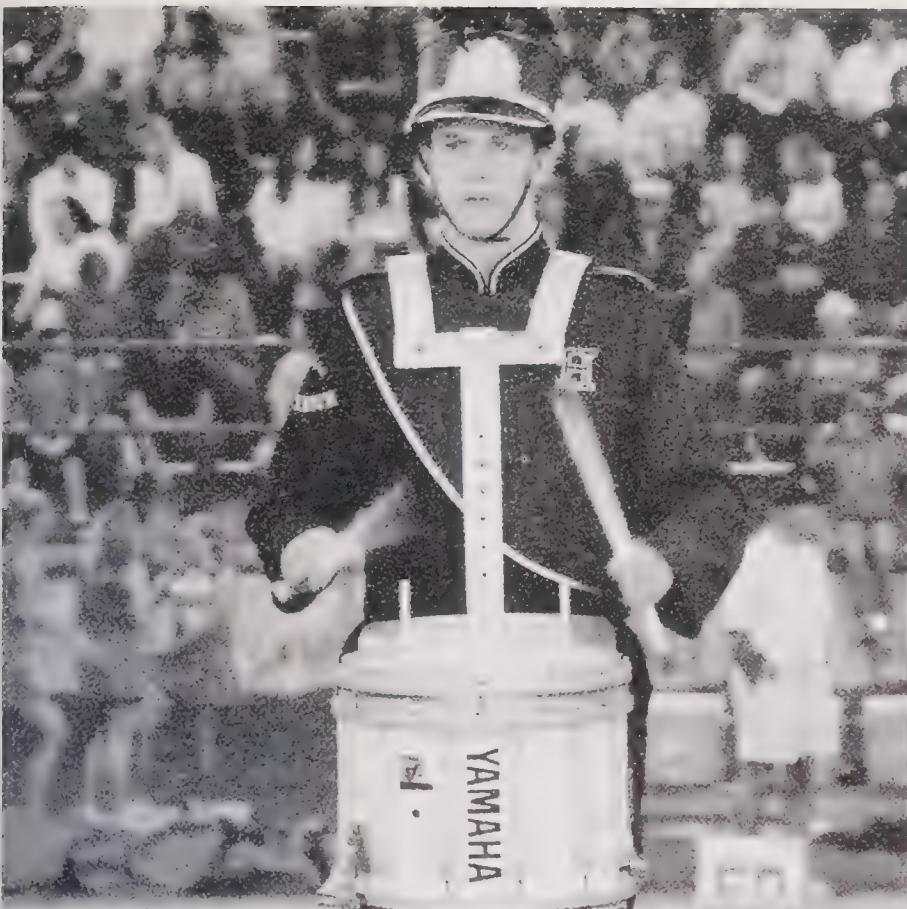
Let's Hit it! Nick Walker plays the drum during the football game. After all of his practice, he finally got the chance to have a solo. Photo by K. Hester



Let's hear it for the band! Bethany Player plays the clarinet during the football game. Bethany and everyone else who is in the band has to march on the cold nights. Photo by K. Hester



Play away! Ashley Staton plays during the football game. She has played the trumpet since the 6th grade. Photo By K. Hester



This is how you do it! Brianna Kauppila directs the band. Brianna has always dreamed of being the drum major. Photo by K. Hester.



Solo act. Ian Gilbert shows off his abilities with the guitar. He is the only band member who plays guitar as part of their routine. Photo by K. Hester

Ready to go. Sara Case plays the flute at a pep rally while the senior class files in. The band participates in many different activities at the school. Photo by K. Hester



The Marching Knights are a major facet of school life. From pep rallies, to competitions, to concerts and football games, they create the soundtrack for triumphs and successes. Led by drum major, Brianna Kaupilla, the Marching Knights perform a wide variety of music.

For the fall 2003 marching season, the band focused on a selection of songs from the movie *The Blues Brothers*, and proved that the blues can be red hot.

To become drum major, Brianna had to try out, then write about why wanted to be drum major, march and give commands, and lastly, conduct a piece of music. According to Brianna, the best thing about being the drum major was "an experience that I have yearned for. We have a great band. And I am glad I get to be conductor."

The band does a lot more than just fill the air with sound during fourth period practices and make some extra noise at pep rallies and football games. They also participate in competitions and parades, both locally, and, occasionally, not so locally. Some of the parades that they participate in are the Fletcher Christmas parade and the Apple Festival's King Apple parade. The competitions that they compete in range from Alcoa, Tennessee in October to Disney World, although not every competition occurs every year.

Many members of the band have been together since the sixth grade. For example, Ashley Staton, a sophomore who plays the trumpet, has been playing in the band since then. When asked what could be done to improve the band, she said that the band does not go to band camp, but she wished that they did.

by
Noel
Carter

Doing things Their own way

Q: Why do you feel unique?

A: Everyone is different. I'm the only me in the world, and that makes me different.

Q: I noticed how personalized your clothes were.

A: Yes, I love doing art especially to my clothes. I like to stand out.

Q: When did you feel to be unique?

A: Middle school, kids try to find their identities, and I think that's where I found mine.

Q: Did anyone inspire you?

A: No one really did, but I just didn't want to be an Abercrombie zombie



Sarah Ray poses for the Unique spread. She designs her own clothes. Photo by K. Hester

Unique- being the only one of its kind.

If you thought you'd seen everything, you hadn't seen anything yet.

Uniqueness is the quality that makes a person stand out. It lets other students know that a student is who he or she is. Students weren't shy about expressing themselves as their own people instead of what someone else wanted them to be. As Sophomore class president Wayne Nock explained, "I try not to follow the crowd; I think everyone should be their own person."

North had several students who stopped traffic in the halls with unusual styles of dress and unusual attitudes. They caught attention quickly.

Sometimes the same person would dress as a doctor one day, and another day they might have looked more like a mechanic. Whether it be someone with colored hair or someone with a goofy wig, our school had it.

Students had a way of showing their own uniqueness through makeup, hair, clothes, and most of all, personality.

"I do things most people do not," says sophomore Alex Grant.

Although students dress with their own sense of style, they still know the seriousness of school. For some, standing out of the crowd was just a way to break the tension, to take things a little less seriously, and just to have a little fun.

If someone new were to have walked through the front doors, he or she might have spotted a painter, a doctor, a mechanic, or someone just plain mismatched. Everyday was something new.



Yeah Huh! Sarah Ray has a friendly argument with pals. Photo by Brittany Prince

Freestyle! Alex Grant and Wayne Nock like to do their own unique style of rapping in the commons area entertaining other students. Photo by Brittany Prince



Nice Shades! Robbie Zehrung styles in his sport coat and yellow sunglasses while having a nice chat with friends. Photo by Brittany Prince

Strike a pose! Ashton Sprouse wears her Bob Marley shirt to School along with her outstanding blue stringed shoes. Photo by Brittany Prince



by
Brittany
Prince

Taking Greater Risks

Where the X games were held:

1994-The first X Games are held in Rhode Island.

1995- Then Newport, Providence and Middletown

1996-After that they moved into Boston, San Fransico and Miami.

1997- Orlando Forida was invaded

1998-Crested Butte Colorado was next in line

1999-Then Crested Butte yet again

2000- Mount Snow Vermont held the X Games

2001- Again Mount Snow VT

2002-Next it was Philidelphia PN

2003-The Last X Games were held in Los Angeles,California

X Games gold medal winners of Street/Park Men (skateboarding):

1995-Matt Salerno

1996-Arlo Eisenberg

1997-Aaron Feinberg

1998-Jonathon Bergeron

1999-Nicky Adams

2000-Sven Boekhorst

2001-Jaren Gorb

2002-Jaren Gorb

2003-Bruno Lowe

Javier Acosta,
Jeovanny Perez,
Nick Barrier, Matt
Orr, Chris Casto,
and Zack Cashion
rock climb in
Chimney Rock Park.
Photo courtesy of
Javier Acosta



What is it that gets your adrenaline rushing and your blood pumping? Nothing other than extreme sports. Many students participate in these sports, from skate boarding to rock climbing, from parasailing to horse-back riding. Extreme sports are defined as sports that are unique, have high risks, and have enthusiastic players.

Why participate in these sports? It gets you pumped and active. Watching Jonathan Batemen score the winning touchdown at a North game can be fun, but there is nothing that can compare to the feeling students get in extreme sports, nor the pride and respect students have earned when others view or hear of their amazing talents.

The students that took part in these sports had amazing courage to attempt these sports, awesome patience to work hard and stay with these sports, and enough drive to to get bet better at what they do and still crave more. They were the students who imediately jumped on a skateboard right after school everyday, or the ones who turned the key to a four-wheeler when they got home from work and didn't turn it off until they went to bed. Our classmates who participated in extreme sports have earned pride and respect. They worked hard at what they did, and they had a great time doing it.



Ride em', cowgirl! Megan Brooks rides her horse as often as possible since third grade. Photo courtesy of Megan Brooks



Next BMX! Colby Rabon pulls off an awesome bike trick behind the fresh market. He had to practice many days to pull off this amazing trick. Photo courtesy of Colby Rabon



Above All! Chris Justus and Jake Willingham go parasailing in Myrtle Beach over the summer. Chris was lucky not to drop the camera. Photo courtesy of Chris Justus



Ollie-Oop! Justin Chillington pulls off a sweet boardslide. He also enjoys playing guitar and eating Chinese food. Photo courtesy of Justin Chillington



by
Celeste
Jones

In the Future...

Many changes took place this year, and there are still more to come. Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Edney plan on making more changes to improve our school. "School is #1, and we don't want anything to get in the way of that; therefore, some changes are necessary."

Future changes to improve our school include a courtyard outside the cafeteria. Students will be allowed to eat their lunches outside, behavior permitting, of course.

Also, this year the expectations on dress code and grades were increased, and Mr. Edney says he wishes to make these requirements even higher.

Future Athletic changes include the finishing of the rubberized track, permanent restrooms at the tennis courts, and a shed at the football practice field. These improvements will help our athletics be more efficient.

As with most changes, there have been positive and negative reactions. Mr. Edney's response was "Change is difficult to accept, but it is necessary to have the changes to make our school efficient."



Mrs. Anderson watches as students hurry to lunch. She, as a new principal, emphasized less tardiness and greater attendance this year. Some of these changes were hard for students to accept, but the change was for the better. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

It's Not the *Changes from year to year* Same Old Story

With a new principal and many new changes, North started out the eleventh year off with a fresh start. Students expressed mixed feelings about the new changes. The eleventh year was the start of a new decade and also a new start for the school.

Dr. Hood added her knowledge and skill to the principal staff and helped make the necessary changes. "We want to stress academics. Many students are here to learn, and we do not want the behaviors of others to get in the way of learning." The three principals believe that academics are number one.

Additions to the average day included another lunch to reduce crowdedness, new lunch numbers, homeroom every Wednesday, standing for seniors at pep rally, a senior sidewalk, higher expectations on dress code, and a stricter ban on personal electronics. Some athletic changes included a baseball concession stand.

We also added more spirit to our school. Heather Buckner led the way with showing spirit in many different ways. The spirit gang showed spirit at the athletic events by painting faces, wearing purple, and even caravaning to the opposing school for the first football game, with a fire truck leading the way.

Many students have had both positive and negative reactions to the changes. As with all changes, some changes were harder to accept than others. The students have reacted in numerous ways. Although some people opposed the new policies, many people believed they were for the better. This year, the eleventh year, was a year of many changes.



Pump it Up! Sitting by homerooms, Sophomores watch the pep rally. Some students did not like sitting by homerooms. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Lunch Time! As students eat their lunch they have time to socialize with their friends. For some, Lunch was their favorite time of day because it gave them time to socialize with their friends. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

A new Step! The step team helps pump up the spirit at the pep rally. The step team was started this year and proved to be very hard working. From the first practice to the last, they improved their skills by one hundred percent. Photo by Excalibur Staff



Get to work! Mr. Edney pauses outside of his office. He believes the changes this year were for the better and they will increase academic performance. Photo by K. Hester



Ana Acosta, Belen Solano, Selena Cervantes, and Laura Castaneda eat 2nd lunch. These four friends enjoyed eating lunch together. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

by
Haley
Donaldson

One by One...

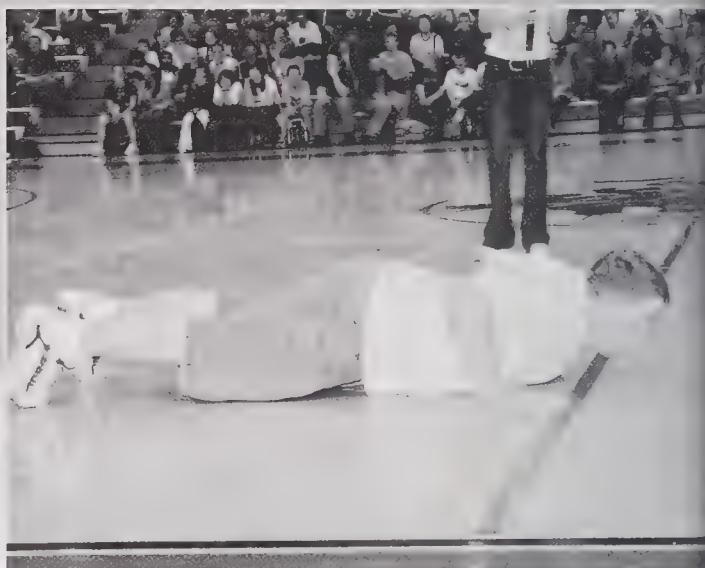
The student body at North is a widely diverse group of students. We include many different races and ages, both genders, and a huge variety of styles and interests. Lead by student body president Heather Buckner, vice-presidents Jennifer Wilder and Chris Justus , and secretary-treasurer Bethany Hertshorn, the North Henderson students represent unity in diversity-- our theme of One for All.

Within these pages are the faces of North Henderson students, their triumphs, their fears, and even their embarrassing moments. These students are each an important part of the school. From the most famous of the seniors to the least-known freshman, from the straight-A students on down, everyone who could be is accounted for.

Students of North Henderson, here you are-- every one of you in your own spotlight, shining one by one as you take center stage.

Everybody matters.

Count it Out. Jeremy Sinclair does push-ups as part of a pep rally contest. Sometimes students never knew what challenges a day was going to bring. Photo by K. Hester





One at a Time. Ariel Odom shows us how it's done in the limbo contest during field day. The Senior class may have thought they had Spirit Week in the bag, but the Juniors actually won. Photo by K. Hester

A winning spirit.
Varsity girls basketball
players hug after the
game against Brevard.
Learning to work
together is one of the
ideals that make North
Henderson a great
school. Photo by F.
Gore.





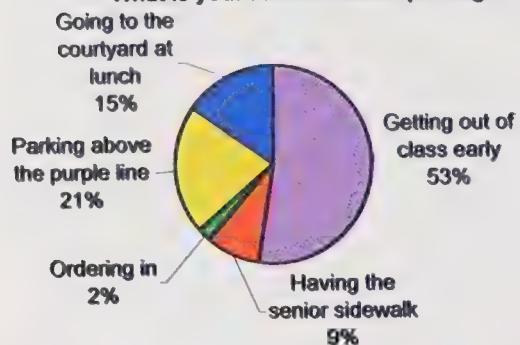


THE CLASS OF 2004



SENIOR SURVEY

What is your favorite senior privilege?



"We watched the last three classes of seniors graduate with privileges." *Luke S. Hilman*

HE SAID

"The seniors have earned these privileges over the years by respecting previous privileges." *Heather Buckner*

SHE SAID



Javier Acosta



Lindsey Alexander



Deanna Allen



Brandee Anderson



Lee Anderson



Colbey Baker



Adam Barnwell



Misty Barnwell



Nick Barrier



Jonathan Batemon



Christopher Beach



Mallory Bennett



Devin Bouchelle



Christy Bower



Patrick Brow



Heather Buckner



Brian Burrell



Lauren Cagle



George Case, III



Avery Cashion



Christopher Casto



Anthony Chavez



John Young Choi



Bobby Clifford



Got Cake? Paul Craig and Karlie Justus goof off while eating out in class. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Check out! Chris Beach checks out of the office after working there as a senior privilege. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Lifestyles of the Privileged: Senior Advantages



Senior year, full of goodbyes, plans and college applications. What could make it a little less chaotic? Senior privileges. There were many tiny things that helped every senior enjoy their long awaited senior year. There was everything from a senior sidewalk to being able to “order in”. Most seniors earned these privileges and were very grateful for them. Every single senior went through twelve tiring years of school and deserved these privileges just as the seniors before had.

With so much talk about the privileges, it’s important to know what they were. Well, there was the Senior Sidewalk, “ordering in,” being able to leave class early for lunch, hanging out in the courtyard during lunch, dismissal three minutes early, and yes, parking above the purple line.

So, these were all great privileges, but who comes up with them? The senior class council and Mrs. Anderson decided what they would like them to be, and then they were sent to Dr. Burnham for approval. For a few of the privileges, seniors had to prove they wanted them, by earning them. Once seniors got these prized privileges, they were greatly appreciated. These privileges were just a few things that helped make the last year of school fun and stress free, (except for those darned college applications).



Jessica Blythe



Michael Carnot



Holly Collins



Jonathan Conner



Erica Corn



Heather Cornwell



Alex Correa



Paul Craig

Getting Started: The College Track



As the seniors started their school year, not only were they thinking about the fun that they would have and the memories that they would make, but also about what colleges they were planning to go to. For Lauren Cagle, the college that she planned to attend was UNC-Wilmington. She picked this college because of the location and rate of acceptance to medical school. Her favorites among the colleges that she looked at were Appalachian, UNC-Wilmington, and College of Charleston. Lauren was not sure if she would participate in any extracurricular activities. However, she hoped to play volleyball in college. The people who helped her make this decision were her parents and Mrs. Leik.

Mrs. Leik is the twelfth grade guidance counselor. Most seniors went to her for help finding colleges and scholarship information.

Another person whom seniors relied on was Mr. Edwards. Mr. Edwards is the Career Center Advisor. He said that the most popular colleges were "UNC-Chapel Hill, Western Carolina University, and Appalachian." On average, it took from two weeks to six months for seniors to be accepted to college. He said, "the most important factors that colleges look at are SAT and ACT scores, entrance essays, transcripts, and relatives who attended previously."



Decisions, Decisions! Holly Rhodes is trying to find which college will be right for her. Students started choosing colleges at the end of their Junior year. Photo by Excalibur staff

Come get the Facts! Mars Hill College wants to attract as many students as possible. The college day gave students a chance to check out the local colleges. Photo by Excalibur staff



Amanda Drake



Kathy Frady



Emily Gillespie



Amber Gillam



Jennifer Goforth



Amy Beth Griffin



Megan Guy



Ivey Hale



"I am not going to college because I don't like it." *Patrick Hart*

HE SAID

"I want to go to UNC-Wilmington, because of the location and rates of acceptance to the medical profession."

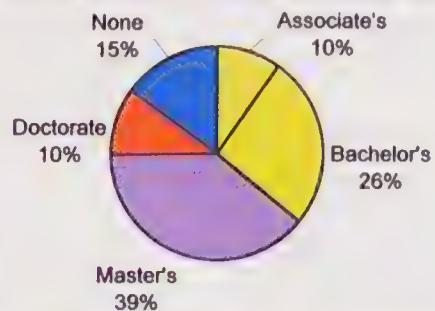
Lauren Cagle

SHE SAID



SENIOR SURVEY

What college degree do you plan to finally earn?



Noelia Cruz

Cody Dalton

Clinton DeWitt

Leticia Diaz

Christa Donaldson

Brett Donar



Brandon Drake

Allison Early

Maria Fabian

Samantha Fields

James Fitzgerald

James Foster, II



Ashley Freeburg

Daniel Gamez

Ross Garren

Rudi Garren

Jodi Garrett

Brian Gill



Adam Hammonds

Laura Haney

Patrick Hart

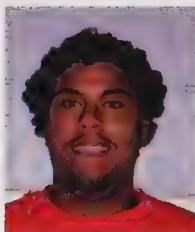
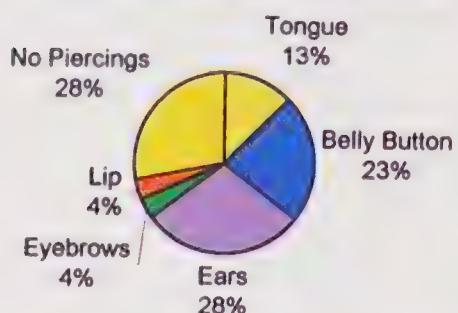
Bethany Hartshorn

Ashley Hawthorne

Jeremy Heath

SENIOR SURVEY

What is your favorite type of piercing?



"Sexy on some; not everyone should have them." *Michael Maldonado*

HE SAID

"Body art is the expression of yourself. Just don't go too far." *Brittany Wilson*

SHE SAID



Jason Heaton



Luke Hillman



Tyler Holden



Elizabeth Horner



Amanda Houdek



Vicky Hudson



Jonathan Hyder



Stephanie Hyder



Michael Jacko



Sheena Jackson



Miranda Johnson



Savanna Jordan



Jared Justus



Karlie Justus



Carol Lacy



Daniel Lamper



Kevin Landrum



Jeremiah Lanning



Jennifer Lively



Lisa Livingston



Jeremiah Loftin



Nancy Lovelace



Brittany Lyda



Emilee Lyda



A Little Extra Flair: Body Art



Holes. Bethany Hartshorn and Mallory Bennett show off their piercings. Many people claim their piercings didn't hurt. Photo by Marissa Zepeta

Breaking Through. Adam Hammonds shows his tattoo. Students got parents' permission to get around the no tattoo under 18 law. Photo by Elisha Medieros

It all started back in the 1970's when Goldie Hawn came on *Laugh In* with her body painted. Now Body Art has exploded into a phenomenon. Today all different races, colors, and sizes of people sport tattoos and piercings.

When asked why they got their piercing or tattoo, Eric Corn responded with "I thought it was cute," and Michael Puente declared, "At the time, no one had a tattoo, so I was the first."

While no one agreed on the reasons to get a tattoo, all agreed on two things: they all had their parents' permission, and they had no

regrets...now, at least. Holly Collins replied with "I'll probably regret it someday when I'm older, but I don't now."

This decision was not a peer pressure issue, though. Most seniors said that friends didn't help them at all with the decision. Bethany Hartshorn said her brother encouraged her while Michael Puente decided that he got his tattoo just for himself.

Seniors had their body art applied locally. Samantha Wooten got her belly button pierced a Liquid Dragon; this March she will have had it done for two years. Erica Corn got her belly button pierced at Pipe Dreams last summer, on June 28.



Amanda Julian



Nicholas Leonard



Michael Maldonado



Priscilla Massey



Kristy Maxwell



Ryan Maxwell



Heather Maybin



Brian McCall

What the Future Holds: Careers after Graduation

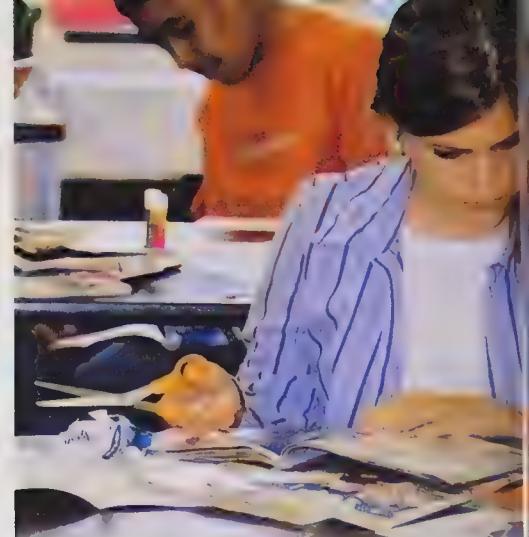


Seniors had a major decision ahead of them -- what to do after graduation. According to Ms. Lancaster, the home-economics teacher, and Mr. Edwards, the career center advisor, after graduation many students chose to go into a community college, a technical college, the military, or directly into the work force. "Jobs are diversified," said Mr. Edwards, "students can choose from textiles, manufacturing, agriculture, or medicine."

Students who went the career route could expect a wide salary range. A graduate with no technical or vocational skills would most likely work in the fast-food or retail industries, making six to seven dollars an hour. Those with training could expect ten, or even twenty dollars an hour, depending on their skills.

Some students didn't start thinking about future careers until the end of junior year. Senior Savanna Jordan said, "I just started thinking about my future at the end of last year." Ryan Maxwell, also a senior, said, "I guess I started thinking about my future career when we had to do the career planning in ninth grade."

However, seniors found that, in order to be successful, they had to start being serious about their futures careers right then. In Ms. Lancaster's opinion, "setting goals for yourself and achieving those goals is what makes a person successful." As Mr. Edwards said, "college isn't for everyone." What matters is deciding what you think success is.



Cut it up! Laura Gray cuts out pictures from magazines for a marketing project for Ms. Singletary. Marketing got students ready to enter the world of business. Photo by K. Hester

Draw that line straight! Dawn Russel tries to draw a straight line in drafting. Students learned that Mr. Burch is no softy when it comes to drafting. Photo by K. Hester



Lindsey Melton



Allison Nock



Ralph Pena



Homero Perez



Molmero Perez



Jessica Peters



Billy Petticrew



Meagan Pigors



HE SAID
 "I think education is the key to a better life, at least tech or trade school. So I think it is unwise to pursue a career with no post-seconday education." *Joel Sherwood*

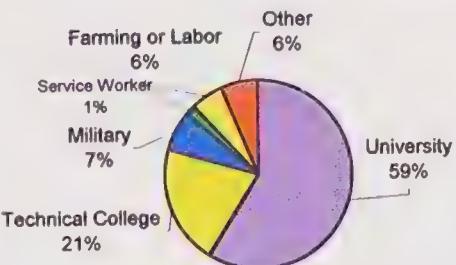
"Pursuing further education or enlisting seems more ideal to me, but it depends on what sort of job you get." *Ashton Warren*

SHE SAID



SENIOR SURVEY

What are your plans after graduation?



MacKenzie McCraw



Joleen McDaniel



Chloe McGlasson



Andrew McMahan



James McMurray



Elisha Medeiros



Shigrah Mielke



Christopher Miller



Frankie Monteil



Patrick Mugan



Candy Newman



Brittang Nix



Shawn O'Connor



Ariel Odom



Matthew Orr



Kyle Owenby



Rachel Ownbey



Heather Pace



Brianna Prather



Michael Puente



Patricia Rameriz



Christopher Reece



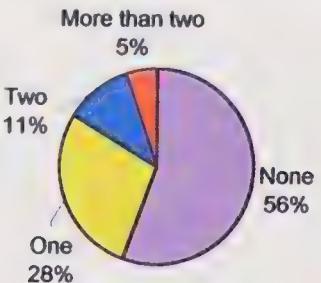
Holly Rhodes



John Rhodes

SENIOR SURVEY

How many wrecks have you been in while driving?



"Being able to park above the purple line is a great idea." *Chris Miller*

HE SAID

"Seniors being able to park above the purple line is a great idea because we are seniors and we should have a good last year." *Diana Torres*



SHE SAID



Jeffrey Rochell



Octavio Rodriguez



Justin Rogers



Ross Sain



Amanda Scott



Crystal Sharpe



Austin Sherrill



Joel Sherwood



Brittney Shope



Amanda Sigmon



Shane Sisk



Jesse Smith



Jeff Soesbee



Belen Solano



Dustin Spooner



Justin Stepp



Holly Stepp



Kyle Stepp



Christina Summey



Meredith Swain



Leslie Sweezy



Antonio Tamayo



Stacy Taylor



Regina Tolley



Vroom, Vroom! Brittany Lyda proudly sits on her 2003 white Mustang. Mustangs have always been Brittany's dream car. Photo by Elisha Medeiros

"Tick-it." Mr. Allen checks the cars in the student parking lot. Parking stickers were one way the school kept track of strange cars on campus. Photo by K. Hester



Jessica Sobin



Brittney Stokes



Diana Torres

Jason Trainor

Nick Trepkowski

Tim Turner

Liana Vann

Jessica Vannoy

Above the Purple Line: Seniors' Cars



Parking above the purple line in the student parking lot was a Senior privilege that made the year stand out. According to Mr. Allen, the school security officer, having the purple line was a great idea.

This privilege made the students happier to be seniors. This year's underclassmen didn't seem to have a problem with following the rule of parking below the purple line. They all knew that their time to park above the purple line was just months away.

Seniors cherished being able to park in front of the student lot. Many Seniors felt their privileges had been reduced this year. However, they said that if they should be able to do anything, Seniors should get to park closer to the school than the underclassmen.

Some students had difficulty paying the twenty-five dollar fee for parking stickers. However, if students did not buy this sticker, they got a ten dollar or more ticket for each infraction. Mr. Allen thought that making students pay twenty-five dollars helped the school because it made students be thankful to be able to park on campus. He felt that driving to school was a privilege, because years ago, students weren't allowed to drive to school.

Many students wondered where the parking money went. It was used to help maintain the student parking lot.



Two Good Apples: Ambassadors to the World

by Noel Carter and
Tegan Souther

Seniors shined away from school as well. Brianna Ward, the 2004 Apple Ambassador, was a senior. She was crowned Hendersonville's Apple Ambassador on May 21st 2003. The Apple Ambassador represents Hendersonville at the Apple Festival held during Labor Day weekend.

Brianna decided to apply to become Apple Ambassador when Ms. Case, the student government advisor, suggested it to her. The process was different from many beauty pageants. Instead of showing off in evening gowns and bathing suits, Brianna completed an application, sent in a resume, studied facts about apples, interviewed with a panel of judges, and gave a speech.

When she was crowned Apple Ambassador, Brianna was "hysterically excited." Brianna's responsibilities were to give speeches, kick off opening ceremonies, organize breakfast meetings, meet with the Lieutenant Governor, and officially declare September, Apple Month.

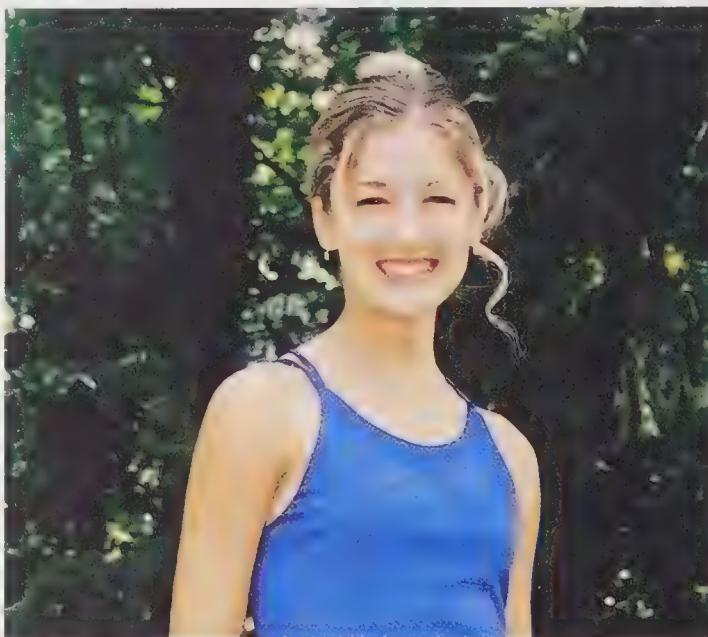
Karlie Justus, first runner-up, had a few other comments to add about the competition. She said that other students encouraged her to participate in the contest, and Brianna and Ms. Case also helped her. Some of her responsibilities included giving speeches and riding on the float in the Apple Parade, as well as preparing to stand in for Brianna when necessary.

The same day that Karlie gave her speech to the panel of judges, she received a phone call from the previous Apple Ambassador, letting her know that she had been named runner-up. Karlie said that the competition was "very hard." Many talented young ladies put forth a vast amount of effort to succeed in the competition.



Ready to Go. Brianna Ward is cutting the red ribbon to open the Apple Festival. This was only one of her many responsibilities. Photo courtesy of Brianna Ward.

Strike a Pose. Karlie Justus poses during free time before the parade. Karlie was the runner-up to the apple ambassador. Photo by Brianna Ward



Ashton Warren



Seth Williams



Brittany Wilson



Kasey Wilson



Meredith Wilson



Samantha Wooten



Roger Worthy



Johnathan Wynstra



"It's awesome that Brianna won. Brianna and I are close friends, and I was really proud of her." *Matt Walters*

HE SAID

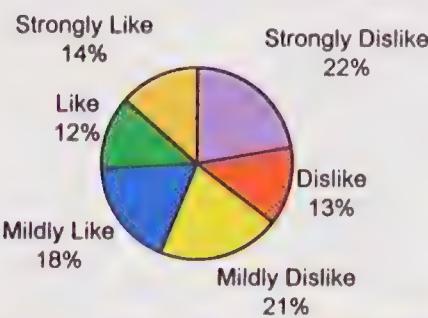
"I'm proud of Brianna because she had a lot of confidence in herself and good support from her friends." *Rachel Ownbey*

SHE SAID



SENIOR SURVEY

What is your opinion of beauty pagents?



Celeena Veruete

John Vinson

Katie Walters

Matt Walters

Brianna Ward

Christina Warner



Eric Warren

Amanda Weaver

Colton Weaver

Taylor West

Jennifer Wilder

Joshua Williams



Stephanie Williams

Anne Wilson



Maddy Zamora

Lezetta Zepeda

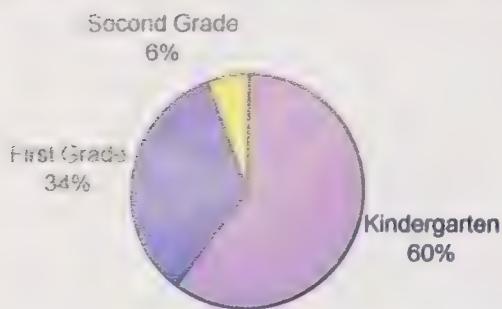
SENIORS NOT PHOTOGRAPHED

Justin Askew
Jonathan Barber
Ivy Barker
Nicholas Blackwelder
Kyle Buckner
Amber Chambers
Carlos Chavela
Luis Cruz-Rangel
Blanca Flores
Mark Godbold
Kenneth Guillen
Andrew Israel

Brianna Kauppila
Krystofer King
Christopher Martin
Teresita Martinez
Damien Milburn
Heather Thomas
Charles Villanueva, III
Whitfield Walters
Christine Wray
Robert Wray
Tiffani Wyatt
Erika Yarborough

AB HONOR SURVEY

How old were you when you lost your first tooth?



"When Javier Acosta and I went to Myrtle Beach in 7th grade, we threw a bucketfull of jellyfish onto the glass roof of the indoor pool ." Jeovanny Perez



"I remember the dance conventions that Brianna Ward and I went to. Those conventions brought the two of us closer." Brittany Wilson

SHE SAID



Way to Go! Holly Collins, Shawn O'Connor, and Stephanie Hyder enjoy Apple Valley's AB Honor Roll program. The ice cream and toppings were an incentive to do well. Photo courtesy of Shawn O'Connor



Trick or Treat! Jeovanny Perez dresses up for Halloween as Batman. Most Seniors have given up on Trick-or-Treating, although some really miss the candy. Photo courtesy of Jeovanny Perez.

Covered up. Mrs. Miller's second grade class at Edneyville Elementary pose for hat day. Seniors still enjoy dressing up during spirit week. Photo courtesy of Ms. S. Miller





Sleepover! Stephanie Hyder, Allison Nock, Brittany Nix, Laura King, and Amy Beth Griffin smile at a sleepover at Amy Beth's house. Sleepovers and parties were highlights of pre-adolescent life. Photo courtesy of Amy Beth Griffin.

Taking a step behind: Seniors remember



As students took one step behind, many seniors had vivid memories of their childhood. Whether they were good or bad memories, students always remember the time that they spent with their friends. Birthday parties, sleepovers, and the many years of school were a few of the many events that took place.

Elisha Medeiros says she remembered going to Brittany Lyda's birthday party. "She used to have the best parties. One time, her dad brought a huge barrel of apples for us to go bobbing for apples, and we threw them in a pond and did not eat them. Her dad was so mad."

Brittany Lyda remembered one time that she and Miranda Johnson took a box of crayons and colored every inch of a desk. "We had to stay in a recess and clean it."

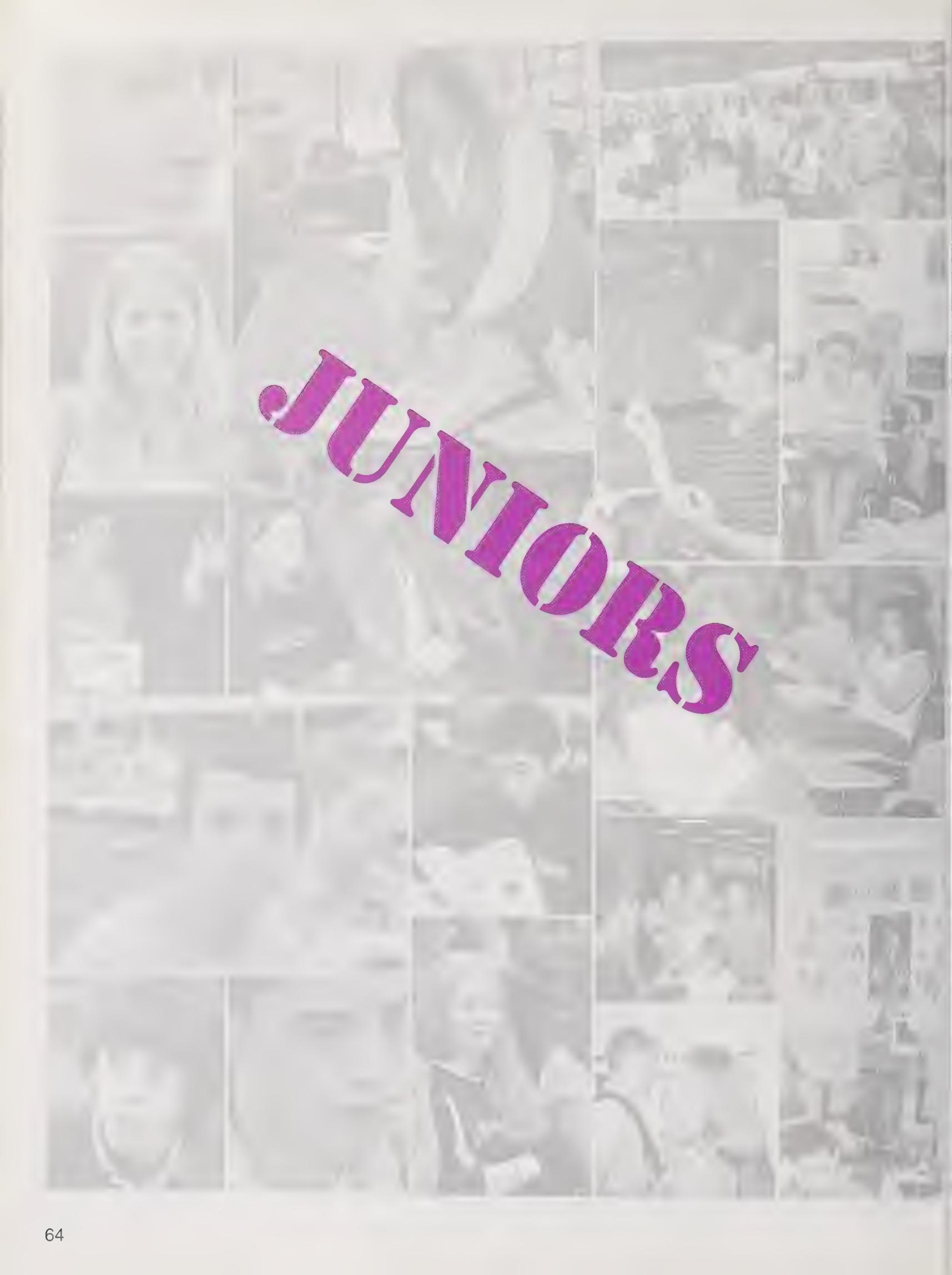
Jeovanny Perez and Javier Acosta have been good friends since first grade. "We can make fun of each other because we don't take anything seriously, and that's why we are still friends today."

These were just a few of the memories that stood out in seniors' minds. Taking a step behind helped seniors remember all the fun times that they had with their friends. Even though seniors have grown up, the memories of good times with friends will always be with them.

Smile, Cutie! Javier Acosta poses in his second grade class. Class pictures stick around forever--even if students don't want them to. Photo courtesy of Javier Acosta



Nap Time! Amy Beth Griffin and Chris Miller pause from play time to take a nap. These five-year-olds were at Chris house after kindergarten. Photo courtesy of Amy Beth Griffin.



JUNIORS



Wilfrido Aguilera
Shunneisha Allen
Amanda Anthony
Tiffany Barnwell
Jason Blackwell
Faith Brandenburg

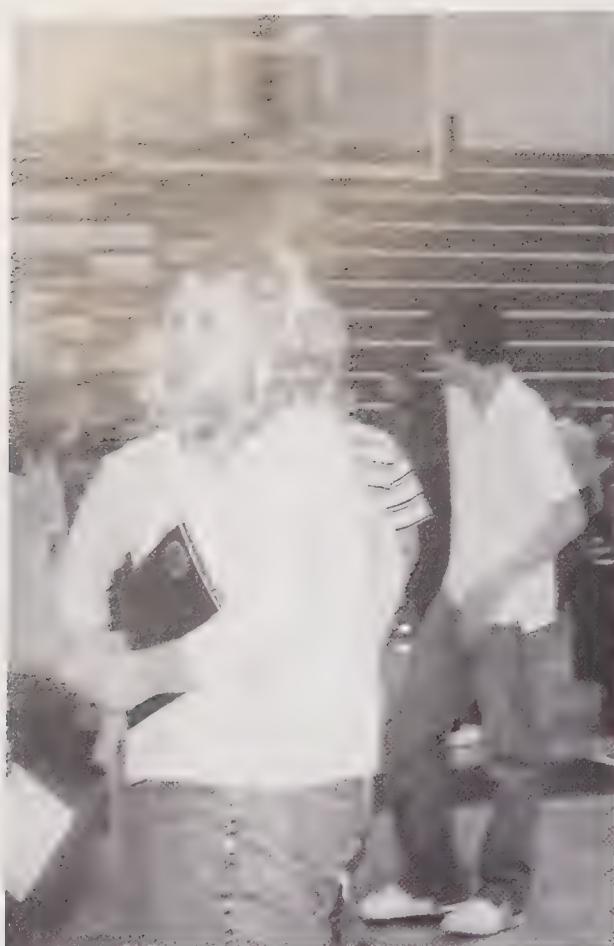
Sasha Breeze
Ashley Brooks
Christopher Brown
Zach Brown
Taren Brunelle
Sean Bryant

Holly Burgess
Jessica Capps
Timothy Carland
Dustin Carlisle
Tara Case
Laura Castaneda

Victor Castaneda
Justin Cauble
Allison Caudle
Kendra Childress
Salena Cisneros
Amanda Clifford

Brandon Coleman
Ashley Collins
Rafael Corral II
Ashley Cox
Casey Cox
Jessica Crocker

Robin D'Augusta
Samuel Darity
Ashley Devino
Morgan Drake
Marche' Duckett
Matthew Duncan



Almost there Ashley! Ashley Brooks is at the Career Fair looking for a college. She better hurry, because she doesn't have to much longer to decide! Photo by Excalibur Staff.

On the way to the Top! Almost Seniors!

by: Frannie Rogers

Juniors, did you ever think this day would come when you actually get to rule? They only have one more year to go and they will make it the best no matter what. Before you know it, they will be graduating.

Hopefully by the time they get to be seniors, they will be able to have all the privileges that the seniors have now. Getting to leave class 3 minutes early, and maybe that's not a lot, but it's something. They will get to park above the purple line, getting to go to the court yard during lunch, and just finally being able to do something that the underclassmen can't do.

This will also be a hard step. They have to pick a college or figure out what they are finally going to do with their life. Most importantly, they will have to grow up, to start getting their life in order the way they want. It won't be their parents or grandparents or whoever's decision, but theirs. It will be a huge step, but they will have to take it. This will be an amazing experience in every junior's, soon to be senior's life. Good luck!

Josiah Ebert
Brittany Enloe
Kristen Evans
Ben Finsel
Bethany Garmon
Salvador Geronimo



Leena Gifford
Kristen Glass
Matthew Glover
Misty Godbold
Juan Gomez
Karen Granados

Laura Gray
Lindsey Grayson
Heather Gregg
Billy Griffith
Daniel Hazlett
Ashley Healey

HE SAID

"I look forward to getting out of school and going off to college."

Kyle Starling

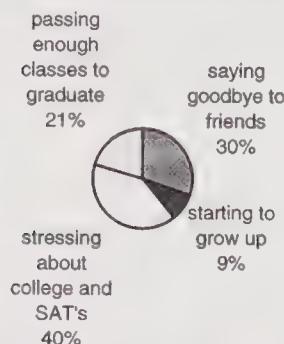


"Being able to finally have freedom and do whatever I want is what I look forward to."

Taren Brunelle

JUNIOR SURVEY!

What will be hard about senior year?



Studying the colleges! Kayla Maxwell and Darren Djajadiredja are sitting together and looking over colleges at the Career Fair. I wonder what they'll choose. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

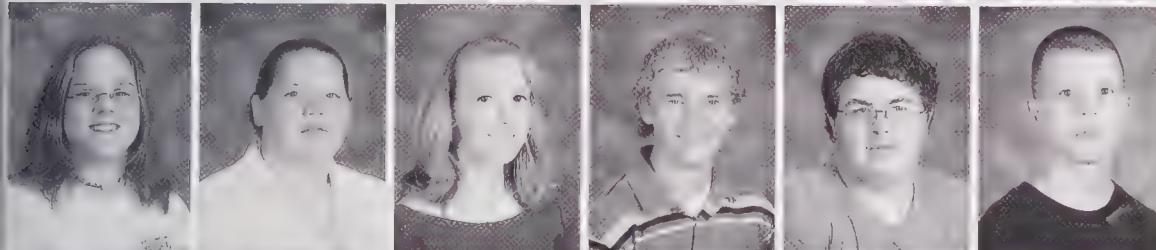


Justa thinking! Nick Rankin is studying on which college to look at next. He better start thinking hard about it! Photo by Excalibur Staff

SHE SAID



Amanda Heatherly
Jessica Hensley
Kelly Hensley
Tony Hill
Trey Hope
Daniel Howard



Natalie Hudgins
Kelly Hughes
Lena Huntley
Brian Hyder
Thomas Hylemon
Matthew Israel



Pierre Iteprat
Brittany Jones
Chris Justus
Tracey Justus
Grant Keaser
Mark Kimbro



Flat Rock Playhouse Presents: The Foreigner

by: Brooke Powers

Scott Treadway, associate artistic director at the Flat Rock Playhouse, wants to make sure that every student has the opportunity to see a professional play by the time they hit their junior year. Through a program called "Project Playhouse" he makes sure that it happens. He allows the junior class to see a show—free of charge at the Flat Rock Playhouse, accompanied by junior homeroom teachers, Ms. Byorick, and all theater students.

The Class of 2005 got a great showing of *The Foreigner*, a comedy by Larry Shue. The juniors enjoyed the show, as did the theater students and the teachers who went along. North goes to the playhouse at the same time as Hendersonville High School and every time the schools are commended for the behavior and respect they show at the playhouse.

One of the requirements for going to the playhouse is the dress code. As a sign of respect, the gentlemen were asked to wear nice dress clothes with a tie and the ladies were asked to wear a skirt, or a dress. Some people weren't able to get a tie to wear, but Scott Treadway quickly took care of that by offering to lend out ties to those who needed them.

For some students this was the first play that they had ever seen. Theater student Ashley Turner had her first experience with a professional play this year and very much enjoyed it, "I thought it was funny, and it seemed like it would be a really hard play to do."

Off we go! Joleen McDaniel and Josh Drake go off arm and arm to the buses for the ride to the Playhouse. Theater students considered themselves lucky to get to go on the junior trip. Photo by K. Hester

Lindsey King
Joe Labaw
Karen Landert
Laura Laughter
Felicia Lewis
Ben Lillard



Chava London
Lauren Lovern
Frauke Luft
Megan Lynch
Ben Marlowe
Shannon Martin



Noemi Martinez
Kayla Maxwell
Stephanie McCall
Kaley McCormack
Sherrika McEntire
Ashley McGraw





HE SAID
 "I thought it was very funny and very educational for Theater students; I liked the ethnic background of it." Josh Drake

"I enjoyed it a lot. It was a good play this year but in my opinion the year before was better."
 Shannon Haggerty

SHE SAID



JUNIOR SURVEY

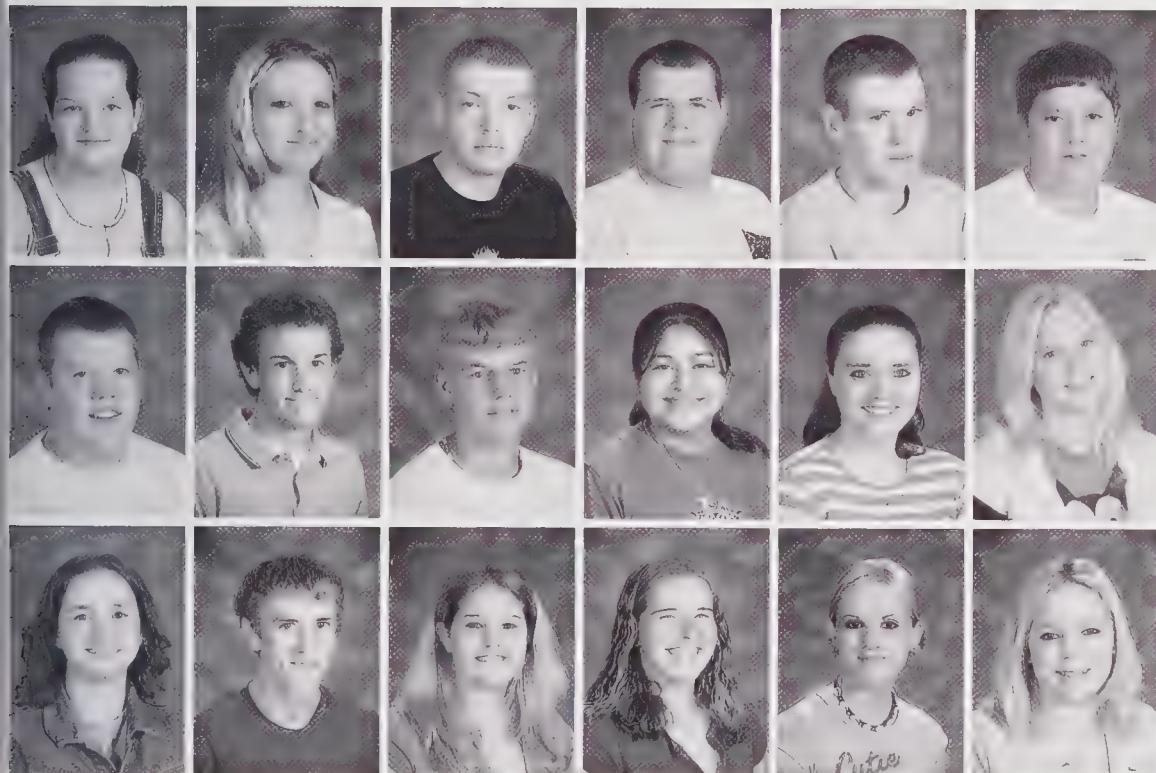
Were you glad you had the opportunity to go to the Flat Rock Playhouse?



Many other students, such as junior Stephanie McCall, who has been to other plays, still enjoyed this particular event, "I think it is awesome that they're willing to put on a show for high school students at no cost. Year after year the Flat Rock Playhouse staff puts on a great show; you can tell that they love what they do."

So whether they'd seen many plays, or if this was their first time, the junior trip to the Flat Rock Playhouse is one that they won't forget.

Picture Perfect! Victor Castañeda and Rafael Coral make sure they look perfect before they board the bus. Scott Treadway warned students that they would rather bring their own ties because his weren't the best looking. Photo Credit K. Hester.



Michaela McMinn
 Samantha McPeters
 Jonathan McSwain
 Anthony Moore
 Jonathan Morgan
 Cody Newman

Jerred Nix
 Tyler Nix
 Eric Noblett
 Itzel Palacios
 Amanda Parks
 Chelsey Parnell

Jana Pierson
 Jake Pittillo
 Amber Pittman
 Bethany Player
 Ashley Postel
 Danyelle Postel



Ms. Mathis, Chris Justus, and Tiffany Stewart talk about what is to come during the auction that was held on September 27, 2003. They were very happy when they found out the amount made that night was a little over \$2,600. Photo by Jake Hester

What It Takes Prom Fundraising

by Elisha Medeiros

Prom took a lot of hard work, time, and money. Students fundraised to help with the cost of Prom and all the other elements that go with having a Prom. The juniors had worked hard to make prom possible for everyone. They hoped that it would be a special memory for all the students who attend prom this year and would never forget it. Prom was made possible because the juniors did a great job raising money. They had an auction, participated in candy sales, car washes, and even sold Krispy Kreme doughnut cards.

Chris Justus was junior president and did a lot of preparing for the prom with help from others. They had to know the budget, find a place for prom, plan decorations, and organize every element of prom. They worked hard, but it was all worth it; prom was a great success.

More students attended prom this year than ever before, so more fundraising had to be done. It is costing more and more every year to have a prom because more students go every year, and we need a bigger area for prom to be held.

Prom was special this year, and the place and time were perfect. Thanks to the juniors' hard work, they were able to make it a special night.

Nick Rankin
Samantha Ray
Danny Rhodes
Cody Robertson
Marden Rodriguez
Nelda Rodriguez



Frannie Rogers
Stephanie Rowsam
Megan Sauve'
Justin Schott
Kristen Schultz
Maricela Silva



Nikki Sims
Jeremy Sinclair
Holly Sizemore
Kelda Sluder
Elisha Smith
Amanda Soucie





HE SAID

"Juniors have done a great job of raising money for the up coming prom. I cant wait to go to prom." Mathew Israel.

"Prom fundraising is really fun but it can be a hasle if you expect to make more then you do for something."

Frannie Rogers



Auctioneer Earl Smith donated his time and expertise to help the Juniors raise money for the prom and graduation. Photo by Jake Hester

Samantha Peters, Kayla Denim, and Christina Storm are students who attended the auction that was held in the cafeteria. They were selling donuts to people who showed up. Photo by Jake Hester

SHE SAID

Jake Pittillo, Zach Brown participate in the auction to raise money for the prom. Prom fundraising took a number of different forms this year. Photo by Jake Hester



John Spiracos
Cory Starling
Kyle Starling
Brent Stepp
Havis Stepp
Chad Stevens



Corey Stevens
Tiffany Stewart
Brittney Storm
Amanda Studebaker
Andrew Swafford
Whitney Swaringen



Can't Beat The Bell Tardies

by Elisha Medeiros

Along with the many stresses of high school, students have a problem making it to class on time. Many students have to deal with traffic jams in the mornings, and traffic jams in the halls. These jams made students late to class and caused more students to get ISS.

After four tardies, students get ISS and many of these were given out this year. Many students feel that this punishment was unfair and tried to make excuses to get out of ISS. Principals said one of the most common used excuses used was "that teacher just doesn't like me and tries to get me in trouble". One excuse that was used by juniors was that they were caught in a traffic jam. Because they now drive to school, they have to deal with trying to avoid traffic in the mornings. The junior class had the most ISS days because of tardies this year, and it was because of traffic in the mornings.

Also, students have to deal with traffic jams in the hallways. On Z hall there were many jams because so many people were trying to get to class. This also causes tardies.

These jams are just a few examples, but most tardies were because the student was socializing with friends or playing around in the hall.

Brittany Vuncannon rushes past other students to get past the traffic jam to class on time. Some students do not like to be late to class and getting a tardy because some teachers make you pay the price by staying after class a few minutes. Photo by Excalibur Staff

Lori Talbot
Lynsey Tatters
Matt Taylor
Robin Tindle
Miguel Vera
Nick Walker





HE SAID
“We shouldn’t even have the tardie poloicy because so many people have to spend time in ISS, when they could be in class learning something.” Juan Gomez

“If we get 5 more minutes in between classes students will not be late to class.”

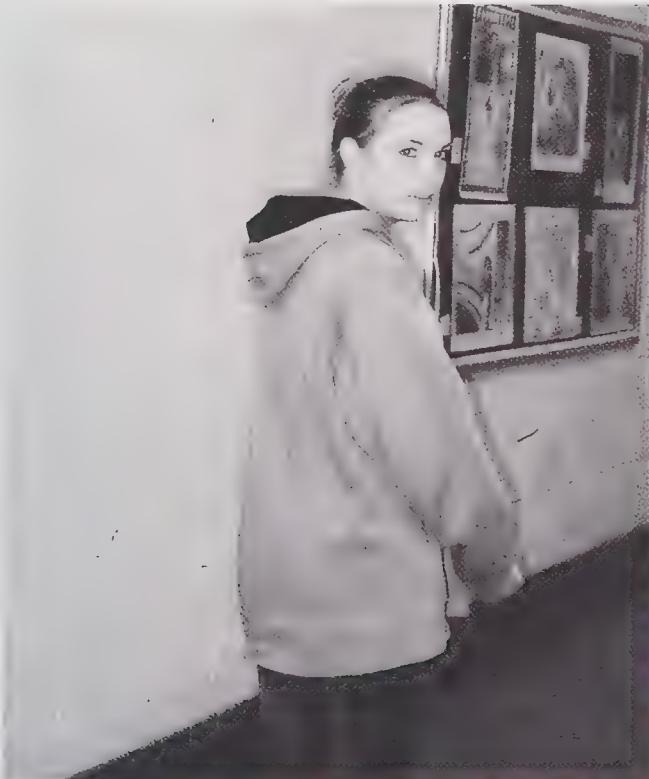
Leena Gifford



Celeste Jones and Cory Stepp talk themselves into the tardy bell, making themselves late to class for the third time. One more and they will be spending a day in ISS with Mr. Summey. Photo by Excalibur Staff

SHE SAID

Michelle Dill takes her time after the tardy bell rings because once you're tardy, it's too late. Even the extra five minutes second semester didn't help. Photo by Excalibur Staff



Heather Madrid and Megan Brooks get caught in the commons traffic jam. Photo by Excalibur Staff



Aaron Wilson
Megan Wilson
Eddie Worlund
Levi Wright
Josh Wullenweber
Keith Wuttke



Eun Yi
Adam Young
Sam Young
Robbie Zehring



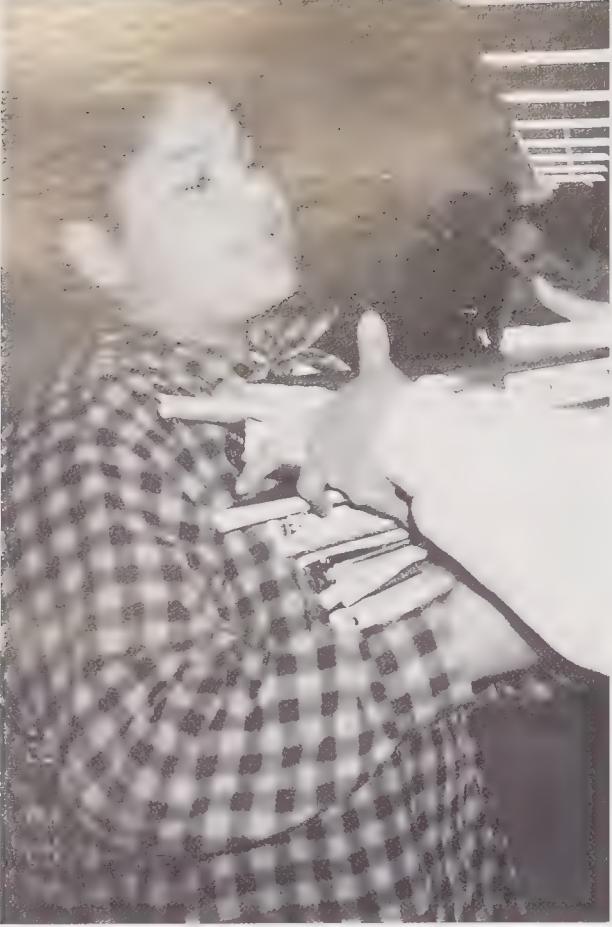


Anadelia Acosta
Lupita Aguilera
Chad Anderson
Andrew Andreotta
Roxanne Arnett
Hector Ayabar

Jill Ayscue
Kristen Barnwell
Loren Barnwell
Katie Barron
Robert Beal
Marie Beaunegre

Andrew Beck
Stephanie Behringer
Jonathan Bishop
Rachael Borsody
Sabrina Bowen
Nichole Bradley

Meleah Brevard
Sean Brooks
Frank Brown
Tori Burgess
Chelsea Caldwell
Ashley Calloway



A step up: Not freshmen anymore

by Tegan Souther

Some people might think that moving from freshmen to sophomore is no big deal, but for the new sophomore class it is a big excitement. When moving from your freshmen to your sophomore year, some of the many changes were more responsibility, harder classes, more older-classmen friends, and better relationships. Noel Carter said, "one of my hardest classes is biology because I have a state EOC and I have to remember what I learned at the start of the year for the tests." Some sophomores want to go back to the past years of playtime and fun, but others are ready to press on and finish high school. The new sophomores are enjoying the excitement of driving and hanging out with friends. Most sophomores have met new friends over the years, but some still have friends from their elementary years. Some sophomores even have more new freshmen friends than sophomore friends.

Too much work! Juan Gomez stacks up on work for his classes, which this year are harder than last.
Photo by Excalibur staff.

Guess What? Wayne Nock and Ashton Sprose are seen talking during their third period lunch. Most students socialize more during their lunch than any other time. Photo by Excalibur staff

Travis Calton
Courtney Capps
Tom Carnot
Cody Carswell
Brittany Carter
Misty Carter





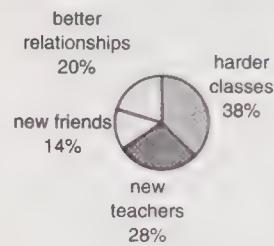
HE SAID
 "The best thing about being a sophomore is that I met my girlfriend Stephanie and that we have been dating for eight months." Rob Morrow



SHE SAID
 "The best thing about being a sophomore is that I only have two more years of school left and that I have more responsibility since I am older." Ashley Morgan

SOPHOMORE SURVEY

What makes your sophomore year different than your freshman year?



Hey buddy! Kristen Barnwell and Mike Maldonado shake hands in the hall on their way to their next class. Photo by Excalibur staff.



Heather Corn
 Hillary Corn
 Jackie Corn, Jr.
 Megan Corn
 Amanda Cox
 Amber Cox

Randy Cox
 Mary Craig
 Larry Crawford, Jr.
 Brandon Crocker
 Marisela Cruz
 Vanessa Davis

Juana Diaz
 Haley Donaldson
 J.D. Duckett
 Roger Duckett
 Mitchell Earley
 Nick Eddy



Kickin it hard!! Nathaniel White kicks the ball down the field at one of the soccer games. Nathaniel plays defense for the team. Photo by Excalibur staff

Next Step Up: Going Varsity

by Marissa Zepeta

Being on a varsity team is a big honor for underclassmen who make the team. This year we had several sophomores to make the varsity team. These sophomores took their athletic ability and helped out in varsity programs.

D.T Studebaker, Nathaniel White, and Mitchell Early made the varsity soccer team. These guys were a great attribute to the team's very successful season. They had a great time, but they said that varsity was a lot harder than junior varsity.

On the football team, Randy Cox, William Hardin, Kyle Wolfe, and Jackie Corn went varsity. They said the best part of being on varsity was getting to play on Friday nights and having everyone watching. These guys were also a great help to the football team's season.

For the football cheerleading season, Brittany Sellers, Jill Ayscue, Vanessa Davis, and Jeni Norman made varsity. All of these students were proud and honored to be able to be on the varsity team. They made many new friends and improved their cheerleading skills while on varsity.

Sara Flood
Krissy Foster
Lindsey Frantz
Danielle Freeman
James Freeman
Eli Garven



Michael Gentry
Krystal Gibbens
James Gibbs
Gene Gifford
Ian Gilbert
Alicia Glasspoole



Felicia Glasspoole
Juan Gomez
Zach Gross
Shannon Haggerty
Nathaniel Hale
Eric Hammonds





"I think that sophomores that make the varsity team are very talented and have skills like, whoa!" Colby Rabon

HE SAID SOPHOMORE SURVEY

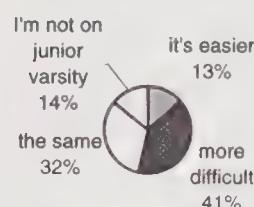
"Being on varsity makes me feel like I have improved a lot since I have not been cheering for very long." Jenie Norman

SHE SAID

Go, North, Go!!! Brittany Sellers stands along the side of the gym while waiting to cheer at the pep rally. This is the first year that Brittany has made varsity. Photo by Excalibur



Is going varsity more difficult?



Set...Hut!! Randy Cox gets ready to receive the ball so that he can pass it to one of his teammates. Randy played quarterback for most of the season. Photo by Excalibur staff.



Webb Haney
William Hardin
Steven Hart
Samantha Hayes
James Helms
Daniel Henninger



Samantha Hill
Tana Hill
Lucy Hillman
Laura Hilton
Jonathan Hirsbrunner
Lecretia Holbert



Jered Honeycutt
Kyle Honeycutt
Ryan Hoots
Maryann Hudgins
Daniel Hutchinson
Lindsey Jackson



Is that one of the Blues Brothers?? Ian Gilbert plays electric guitar during a football game. Ian played with the band to enhance its sound. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Beating your own Drum: Sophomore Bands

By: Haley Donaldson

Students who have musical talent have taken their talent and dreams and created a band. Friends joined together, saved their allowance and began rocking in the basements of their houses. Many bands have failed because of the stressfulness of having a band, but a few have succeeded.

Many students have dreams of being like those whom they see on television. Watching MTV, students want to be just like the superstars that they see. So, students have started playing music and have begun the long trip to fulfilling their dreams of being a music star.

Practicing for these bands is also another aspect of being in a band. With school, sports, and other commitments, finding time to practice is hard for the members of the band. Students who have started a band described their practices as simply picking up an instrument and playing. "Our practice aren't that productive."

Also, many bands have to make up their own lyrics for their songs. For some, this is the best part. Students get to use their creativity and create songs. Others just play covers of songs that they know, so they don't have to make up their own.

These students have had a lot of fun starting a band and have learned from the experience. Only a few will continue to play, but those who do will be successful.

Michael Jerose
Jennifer Johnson
Adam Jones
Caroline Jones
Zach Jones
Maria Juarez



Erik Julian
Jamie Justus
Mac Kanupp
Monica Kennard
Kacie King
Joshua Kingry



Ali Kirkendall
Justin Lamb
Tyler Lamb
Colby Lanning
Javan Lapp
Antonio Ledezma





HE SAID

“I think it would be sweet to be in a band. I mean think about it, I would be famous and I would get all the chicks.”

James Marshall

SHE SAID

“I think having a band would be hard work. I like to listen to music instead of playing it.”

Courtney Capps

SOPHOMORE SURVEY



Have you ever started a band?



Piano Time! Roger Duckett plays the piano during the pep rally. He and several others are playing during the pep rally to entertain the audience. Photo By Excalibur Staff.



Rock on! Wayne Nock, Ian Gilbert, Michael Jerose, and Ryan Hoots performs at the pep rally. This band, with Wayne leading the way, sings many songs at the pep rally. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Tyler Leech
Amber Lewis
Blake Lewis Iv
Jamie Lillard
Nancy Lloyd
Talisha Long



Elias Lopez
Guadalupe Lopez
Elliott Lyda
Emily Lyda
James Marshall
Chelsea Martin



William Martin
Brian Maxwell
Shane Mayfield
Kristine McCall
Brandon McCaw
Adam McCraw



Cut and Paste! Jill Ayscue works on an art project and laughs with friends in class. This student has a very good talent for doing art of all kinds. Photo by Tegan Souther

What is your Favorite Class?

by Courtney Capps

Students have different favorite classes. One person's could be math, while another person's could be English. Amanda McIntyre said she likes to do math because it is one of her easiest classes, whereas Steven Hart said he likes English because he likes to write and feels that he can better his writing by taking as much of this class as possible. Although many students go to the same school their taste in favorites are very different.

Some students might even have a favorite class that is not really a subject. Adam McCraw said that his favorite class was "lunch." Lunch could not really be called anything other than a social hour for many.

Many students complained that the classes were too long and that they wanted to go home but they still had a favorite class. They still had one class that they would not mind coming to school for.

Workin Hard! Roxanne, Christina Chavez, and Amber Cox work hard in Ms. Lytle's class. They do projects and other fun things as well. Photo by Excalibur Staff

James McCraw
Melody McDaniel
Patrick McDonald
Andrea McElreath
Brittany McGlasson
Spencer McGlasson



Natasha McGraw
Amanda McIntyre
Matthew McMurray
Lidia Mendez
Nely Michel
Andrew Mills

Jennifer Mirkovic
Eddi Montes
Colby Moon
Barett Moore
Dewayne Moreno
Ashley Morgan



"English is my favorite subject because I like to write."

Steven Hart

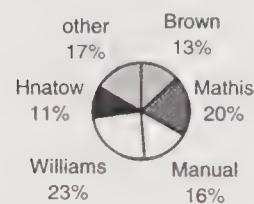
"Math is my favorite subject because I will use math for the rest of my life"

Amanda McIntyre

HE SAID SOPHOMORE SURVEY

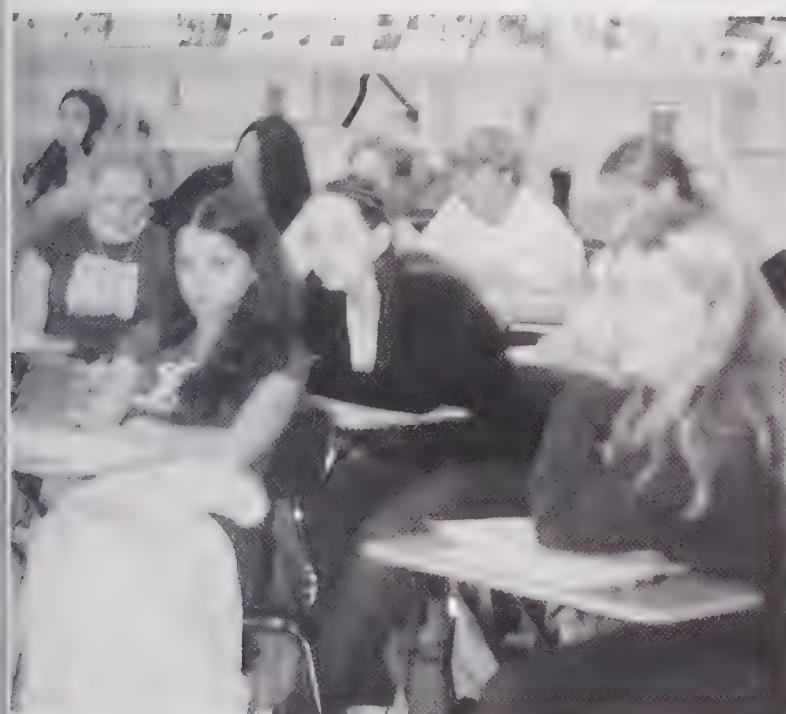


Who's your favorite teacher?



Ready to Learn!
Lindsey Jackson, William Harden, and Juana Diaz get ready to learn what Mr. Williams has to teach them. They are excited to learn about World History. Photo by Excalibur Staff

SHE SAID



Rob Morrow
Chaz Motley
Jason Niehoff
Wayne Nock
Jeni Norman
Shaun Norvell

Mindy Owensby
Derek Pace
Jennifer Parris
Brook Penland
Josh Penland
Anahi Perez

Lupita Perez
Jesse Peters
Susie Pierce
Sussie Pierce
Jose Pina
Michael Player

Riding the Bus Blues: Sophomores ride home



Brr...Its cold out here. Sara Flood walks to her bus after school. Many students had to walk through the cold and sometimes rain to get home or to get on the bus. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Haley Donaldson

For sophomores, riding the bus is daily ritual. They know nothing other than getting on the bus everyday and riding home. But, finally this year many students will be able to begin driving home. This privilege of being able to drive is awesome.

Many sophomores have been riding the bus since they were in kindergarten. For those whose birthdays are later in the year, the daily ritual of riding the bus seemed more boring every day. The bus hours dragged along day by day. Some students hated riding the bus so much that they began hitching rides with their older friends. Some sophomores joined after-school activities such as sports and clubs to also avoid riding the bus.

On the other hand, some do not mind riding the bus because they have made lasting friendships with their bus mates. They love their bus driver and riding the bus is not a requirement but a time to socialize with friends.

Driving to school is a privilege most students look forward to. Overall, sophomores are ready to drive and stop riding the overcrowded buses to school.

Alex Ploenes
Michael Polk
Kirsten Powell
Brooke Powers
Kelly Probert
Brandon Pryor



Colby Rabon
Maria Ramirez
Jonathan Ramsey
Christina Reale
Lauren Repass
Maria Rico

Joshua Roberson
Jonathan Robinson
Josh Robinson
Francisco Rodriguez
Jeanette Rodriguez
Dawn Russell



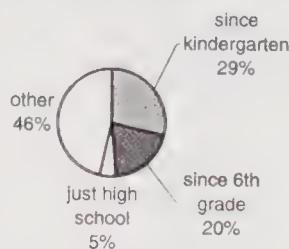
HE SAID

"I will be glad to get my license because I will be free from the crowded buses!"
Daniel Hutchinson

"I have to ride the bus every day and I hate it!"
Nancy Lloyd

SOPHOMORE SURVEY

How long have you been riding the bus?



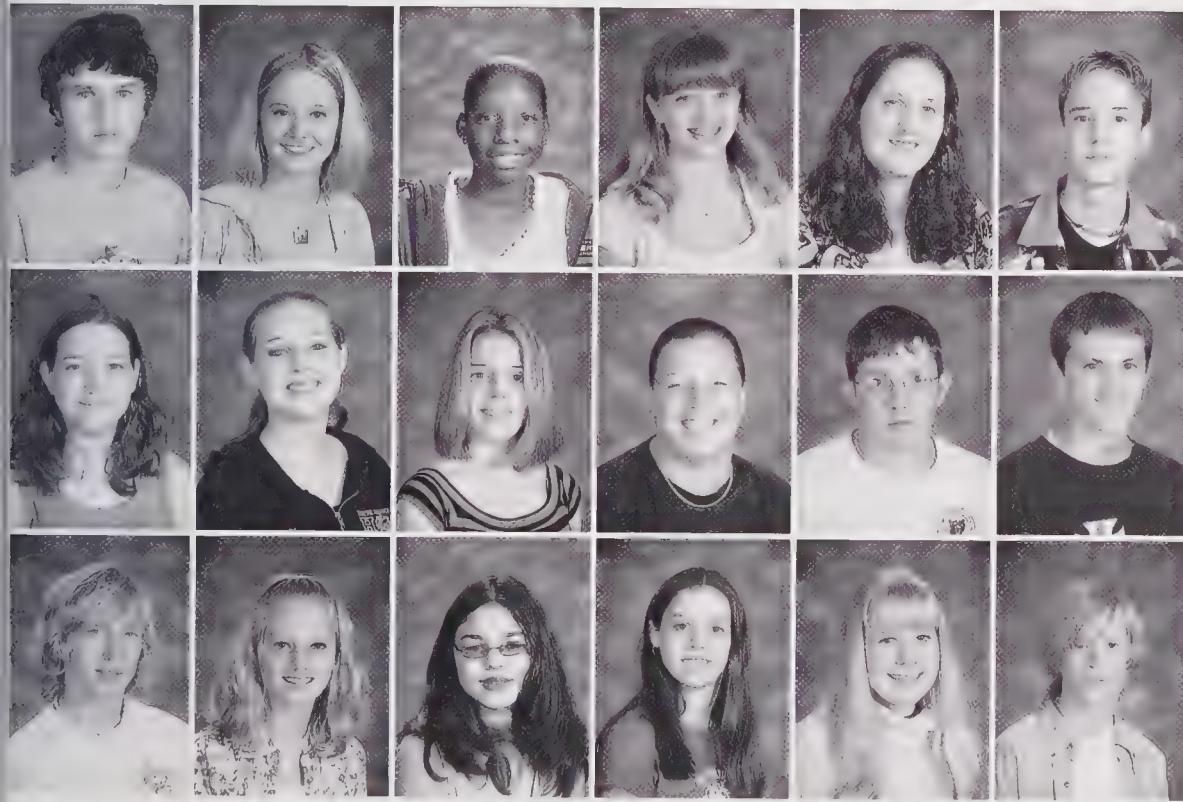
Bus Time! Students walk to the buses after school. Many students use this time to socialize with friends before having to go home. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



SHE SAID



It's not that bad! Jeni Norman walks to her bus after school. Many students were not too thrilled about riding the bus. Photo by Excalibur Staff



Eric Russell
Brittany Sellers
Kawana Sharp
Mandy Shealy
Emily Sherwood
Justin Shrader

Amber Smith
Tegan Souther
Ashton Sprouse
Ashley Staton
Spurgeon Stepp
Matthew Sterner

D.T. Studebaker
Amy Sweezy
Claudia Tamayo
Emily Tate
Brooke Taylor
Preston Taylor



Our Daily Meal: School Lunch

by Brooke Powers

Do you ever wonder why the Papa John Pizza line is longer than the school lunch line? School Cafeteria Manager Kathy Morgan says the answer is simple; she thinks "kids like something quick and easy, and that is partly why I have the Papa John's Pizza out there." So we have that answer but what about the students, why do they choose the Pizza line? Haley Donaldson says, "The pizza tastes better."

School lunch is much healthier this year; you have more of a variety and also some healthier foods. This year, instead of just buying the main course, you are required to have at least one vegetable on your tray in order to purchase the meal. Students may prefer not to have the vegetable[s] on their plate but Mrs. Morgan takes satisfaction in the healthier lunches, saying, "I feel better knowing that students have the opportunity to have the healthier lunch."

Contrary to what most thought, most students choose to eat school lunch. When surveyed, 55% of students said they ate school lunch, with 29% saying they eat sometimes, depending on what is being served. A total of 19% of students replied with no, they didn't eat school lunch. They either eat a lunch that they packed at home, or they just don't eat. Ginny Jackson says, "I'm too tired to pack my lunch in the morning, so I just eat school food."

Cramped for time! Chris Beach hurries as he finishes his lunch. Many students were still eating when the bell rang; therefore, many students had to rush to be on time to class. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Elizabeth Tomas
Victoria Turner
Robert Tuttle
Adilene Uribe
Christopher Vakoc
Amanda Vaughan





HE SAID
“I don’t think they serve enough, that is why I eat Papa John’s. They do have a good variety though.” Luis Leyva

“I don’t get up early enough to pack my lunch, so I eat school lunch. At least I get to spend time with my friends at lunch.”
Emily Sherwood



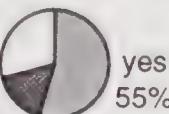
SHE SAID

SOPHOMORE SURVEY

Do you eat school lunch?

sometimes

29%



yes
55%

no
16%

McDonald's! Brett Williams enjoys a treat from McDonald's during lunch. Students enjoyed the few opportunity's when they got to eat out. Photo by Brooke Powers.



Tell me about it! Trey Brown expresses himself at lunch while sitting next to his friend, Josh Kingry. These sophmores had their first year at North in 2003. Photo Courtesy of Excalibur Staff.



Cheyanne Williams
Clayton Williams
Cody Williams
Quentin Williams
Scottie Williams
James Wise

Kyle Wolfe
Eric Wright
Kale Wright
Brad Yarbrough
Kevin Yockey
Madalyn Young

Marissa Zepeta





Seth Ables
Claudia Alejos
Christopher Allen
Areli Almanza
Jared Anderson
Serenity Ash



David Ballard
Alexis Barker
Josalyn Batemon
Jonathan Bautista
Phillip Beal
Adam Beaver



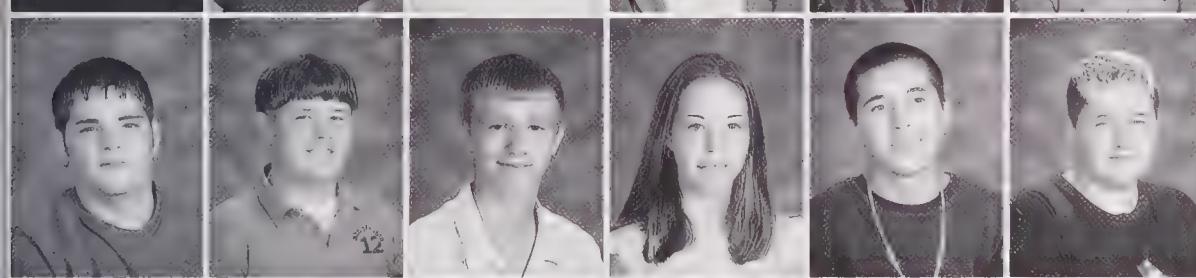
Dakota Benson
Michael Blanchard
Logan Brackett
Jeremy Bradburn
Amber Bradley
Megan Brooks



Michaela Bryson
Briana Bushelli
Katie Byrd
Gladys Cagle
Leah Cagle
Jose Calderon



Brian Camp
Lauren Cannon
Brent Cantrell
Heather Cantrell
John Cantrell
Teri Carter



Keith Carver
Cameron Case
James Case
Sara Case
David Castillo
Jonathan Caudle



Ismel Cerezo
Baltazar Chavez
Justin Chillington
Alan Clancy
Bradley Cole
Kyle Collins



Pay attention. Shane Myers listens to Ms. Mathis in English class early in the morning. He was starting freshman here at North. Photo by Brittany Prince

Starting out Fresh: New Beginnings

by Brittany Prince

As the beginning of the school year neared, starting freshmen got more and more anxious for it to begin.

Some beginning freshmen were so nervous, and others didn't care about being scared the first day of high school. They were just excited about the freedom they were going to have.

Many of the freshmen were nervous because of stories they had heard about, how upper classmen were going to be mean and would make fun of starting ninth graders. That half of the freshmen didn't want the summer to end.

The other half couldn't wait for the summer to end. They had heard great stories, about more freedom to do whatever and making new friends with upper classmen.

Freshmen expected many changes from middle school to high school. Changes like having any grade level and the same class, walking around on all the different halls, and having bell to tell you it's almost time to get to class.

Rest time. Kelly Hart, Dakota Benson, and Ben Moss relax after a hard day at school. They were anxious for the day to come to an end. Photo by Brittany Prince

Zach Conard
Rigo Corral
Ana Correa
Blake Cox
Victoria Cox
Page Crawford



Diego Cruz
Maria Cruz
Morgan Cussans
John David
Aubrey Day
Robert Delau



Valentin Deleon
Corey Denham
Kayla Denham
Alicia Diaz
Erica Diaz
Kervin Dieudonne





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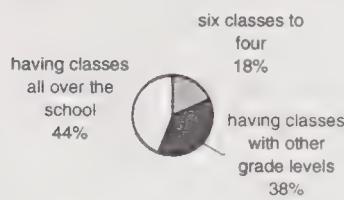
"I didn't think high school was that great. Although it was fun annoying the teachers." Michael Doll

"I liked all the freedom we got. I think it's much better than middle school." Alicen Hyder

SOPHMORE SURVEY



What was the biggest change from middle school to high school?



Having fun? Amy Lancaster and Andrew Kimbro have a friendly fight while in English. Briann Kemak sits in the background and watches. Photo by Excalibur Staff

SHE SAID



Jennifer Digangi
Michelle Dill
Michele Dills
Michael Doll
Kayla Donaldson
Jessica Dorn



Kasi Dowdle
Joshua Drake
Brandon Duncan
Taylor Ebert
Adam Elbin
Richard Embler



Tara Escobar
Veronica Fabian
Erin Finsel
Michelle Flippin
Yesenia Flores
Jessica Frady



Inseparable friends, Sabrina Bowen and Brianne Karmak met this year and are best friends that you can find together a lot. Photo by Ginny Jackson

Breaking Ranks Older Friends

By Ginny Jackson

Freshies, the new kids, little babies, the little bitty 9th graders. When freshman first came to high school, that's what they expected to hear. But unexpectedly, they made some older friends, friends who made big impacts on their lives.

Freshmen and seniors, freshmen and juniors, freshman and sophomores being friends were definitely not uncommon. In fact, it was a widespread trend.

It gave the freshmen a sense of pride. They know that if they were ever in a jam, they had their older friends right there, who dug them out. Or they feel special knowing an upper classman might actually look up to them, instead of them always looking up to the upper classman.

Some freshmen were actually lucky, (or unlucky) enough to have older brothers or sisters here. Eric Glisson, a freshman, had an older brother, senior Scott Drake. So, Eric was friends with a lot of seniors. Also, Sailor Shope's older sister, Brittany, was a senior. Brittany Shope said it was a little weird in some ways because she and her sister had not gone to school together since elementary school, but she also claimed that she didn't mind that Sailor hung out with her and her friends because she was pretty cool sometimes. Sailor was very popular with all grades, not only with the freshmen.

Freshmen have broken the ranks.

Jed Freeman
Joseph Freeman
Stephanie Fyfe
Samuel Garmon
Shawn Gasperson
Jeffrey Gibbs



Charlie Gibson
Eric Glisson
Joseph Glover
Sheila Glover
Tara Goldstein
Alex Grant

Brittany Greer
Stacey Gresock
Jeisson Guillen
James Hannah
Jared Harris



"It's good to have upperclass men as friends because you have someone to rely on." Ben Moss

HE SAID

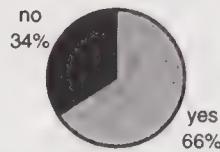
FRESHMEN SURVEY



"I really enjoy having upperclass friends. They're fun to be around and can help me with things because they have been here longer than I have." Leah Cagle

SHE SAID

Do you have a best friend in a higher grade?



Everyone as one, although many students in this class are in different grade levels, they learn the same subject and all try to pass the class. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Friends Forever. Ginny Jackson and Frannie Rogers stop for a quick snap shot. They hang out every weekend and talk on the phone every night for hours at a time. Photo by Haley Donaldson



Jesse Haynes
Crista Heatherly
Jessica Hensley
Francisco Hernandez
Josh Hewell
Elizabeth Hoglen



Ashley Holt
Matthew Holt
Chastity Honeycutt
Bernardino Huerta
Aileen Hyder
Courtney Jackson



David Jackson
Ginny Jackson
Nick Jackson
Troy Jackson
Michelle Janes
Jeremy Johnson



Dangerous Driver's: Teenage Driver's

by Noel Carter

Some freshmen enter high school looking forward to being able to take driver's ed, and being able to drive. To be eligible to take drivers ed., you have to be 15 within a certain time frame. One freshman, Ginny Jackson, took driver's ed. this fall. She said the hardest thing in driver's ed was the handbook test because to pass the course you had to make a 100% on the test. The part that she liked the best was driving with Mr. Blankenship & Carson Thomas. Mr. Blankenship took them from Tuxedo to Brevard, and the most nerve-wrecking part was driving on the interstate. She had to drive both at night and during the afternoon. They also had to do the chapter review at the end of each chapter except for three of them that are in the book.

Due to late birthdays or parent restrictions, some sophomores had to wait to take it. A sophomore, Brooke Powers, waited because of her age to take it this year. The only thing Brooke liked was getting her permit. She had to drive for six days, three during the afternoon, and three at night. When she went to get her permit she had to take a test on the computer and a sign test, without the time she spent waiting, it only took her twenty minutes to get her permit.

Nice and straight. A student tries to parallel park in the student parking lot. Parallel parking is one thing you have to know how to do. Photo by K. Hester

Celeste Jones
D.J. Jones
Stephanie Jones
Cory Justus
Breanne Kemak
Andrew Kimbro



Blaine King
Tim King
Bobby Kirkpatrick
Kassi Kirkpatrick
James Kitchen
Jennifer Kitchen

Kyle Labelle
Michael Lacy
Amy Lancaster
Sandra Landero
Karina Lee
James Levister



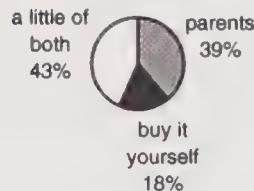
"I'm glad I had the morning class instead of the afternoon class." Brian Camp

HE SAID SOPHMORE SURVEY

"I would rather have been able to take Driver's Ed in the afternoon than in the morning." Jill Ayscue.



How do you plan to pay for your first car?



Straight ahead! Mr. Blankenship rides patiently as a student takes the driving test in Driver's ed. Mr. Blankenship has taught a lot of students the basis of driving. Photo by K. Hester

SHE SAID



Speed Bump ahead! A student is about to go over a speed bump while taking the driver's ed driving test. The student drove three times during the day, and three at night. Photo by K. Hester



Jessica Levitt
Nick Lewis
Tessa Lewis
Luis Leyva
Terry Loftin
Yamili Lopez



Heather Lorenz
Jessica Loveday
Billy Lunsford
Michael Lyda
Bianca Maciel
Heather Madrid



Sarah Maldonado
Michael Manning
Shanice Marshall
Valentina Martinez
G.W. Mayo
Teddijo Maziarz



High School Horrors: what students dread

by: Celeste Jones

High School is a new beginning for adulthood and a finishing of childhood. High school can either be tons of fun or a total nightmare. There are many many things high school students do everyday to have fun. They love to go to parties, play sports and joining clubs, but high school isn't all fun and games, it is also filled with embarrassing moments, hard work, and stressful situations.

These days, people are under a lot of pressure to "be cool" and have everything, and high school is a huge example of an atmosphere where you are under many pressures. "People think that they have to wear a certain brand of clothing to feel superior to everyone else," said Ginny Jackson. You are expected to have good grades and wear the perfect clothes and of course do almost everything the right way, but no one is perfect. Students have bad grades and sometimes trip in the hallway. No matter how embarrassing it is, it happens to everyone. Even if you are the coolest person in the school, you get stressed out about school and embarrass yourself every now and then. "Everyone is human, they are going to embarrass themselves every now and then," said Breanne Kemack.

So high school can be remembered as the best time of your life, but there will always be horrors in the "forgetful" part of your mind. High school isn't always the easiest thing in the world.

Line up one by one! Jesse Chavez stands in line to go to the bathroom in ISS. ISS is one of the things that students don't look forward to in high school. Photo by Celeste Jones

Under pressure! Tucker Rhinehart and Tyler Sain stand in front of the class for a project in Mrs. Nichols first period honors English class. Photo by Celeste Jones

Brittany McCall
Jessica McCall
Matt McClintock
Cameron McCraw
Erin McCraw
Tiffany McFee



Amanda McGrail
George McKee
Brandon McKinney
Adam McMinn
Hope McMinn
Jeremy McMinn



Joriah Mielke
Trey Miller
Lacie Mills
Morgan Minnick
Jason Moffitt
David Moody





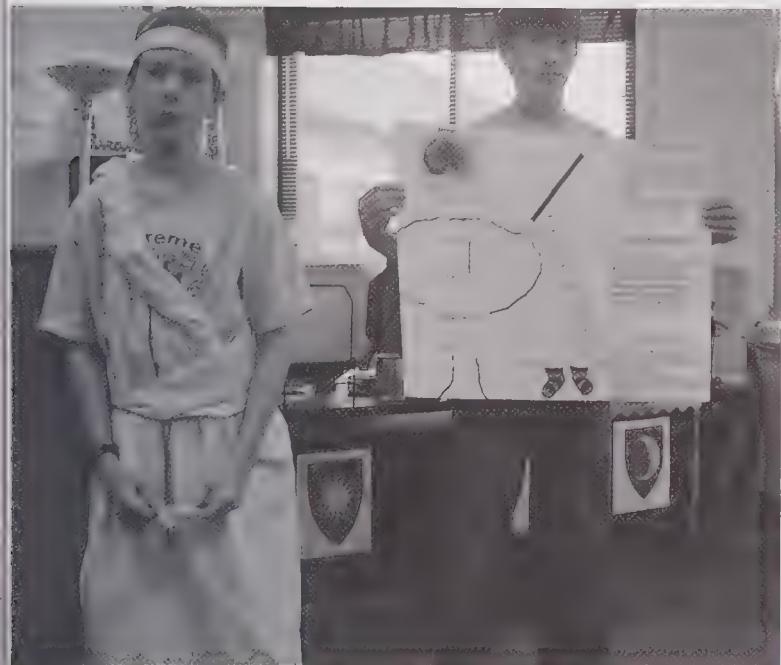
"I think that the worst thing that happened to me this year was when I fell up the cafeteria steps." Jay Pryor

HE SAID

"There was a rumor spread about me and someone else this year." Cory Williams

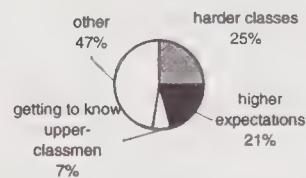


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What is the hardest part about your first year of high school?



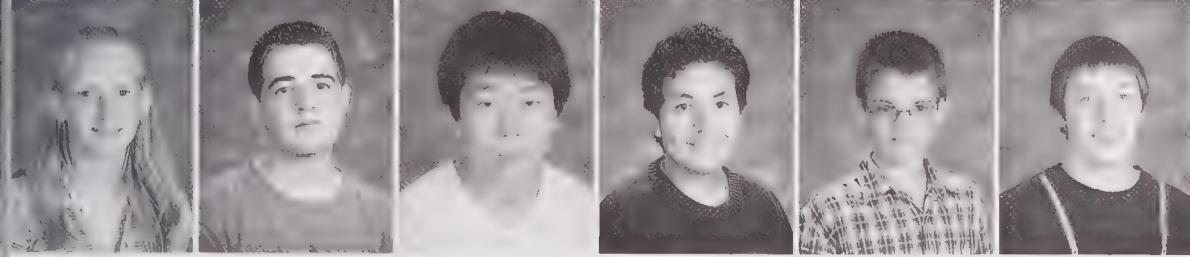
Hall Time! Chris Rawlens was sent in the hallway during class. Photo by Excaliber staff.



Lena Moore
Ryan Moore
Felisha Morgan
Chelsea Morrow
Ben Moss
Shane Myers



Ciara Newman
Trey Nicholson
Cara Norris
Tony Ortiz
Norman Osteen
Sean Owen



Kristin Pace
Shaun Pace
Daniel Park
Juan Parra Cueto
Calvin Petticrew
Jordan Powell



Very interesting. Kyle Collins listens hard in the career center finding great ideas on maybe what he would like to be. North's career center is a lot of help to the students. Photo by Brittany Prince

After Highschool: Class of 07'

by Brittany Prince

Already freshmen had to think about plans after high school. Even though three years are still ahead, thinking about the future is taken place. Many ninth grade students had to pick a pathway, many still not knowing what is planned after high school. Although many don't know what will happen, many do.

After graduating high school, students have several choices. They can go straight into working, attend a two-year college, or a four-year college. Depending on what a student wants to do as a career they may attend a college longer than that.

Picking a career after graduating high school may be easy for some students, but for others it is not.

Think about what one will do for work the rest of one's future is a tough decision. Some students want the luxury of being rich, but having an easy job, that's what everyone wants. Making lots of money without going to college would be great for everyone too.

The graduating class of 2007 are thinking hard about plans after high school

Listen Up. Ryan Moore listens intently making sure to have a good education for after highschool. He may hear something very useful. Photo by Excalibur Staff

Daniel Pressley
Brittany Prince
Susan Pryor
Jay Pryor
Matt Ramsey
Chris Rawlins



Sarah Ray
April Reeves
Renee Revitzer
Tucker Rhinehart
Carson Rhodes
Dusty Robinson



Richardo Robles
Lucy Rodriguez
Cody Rogers
Corey Rogers
Caitlin Rosborough
Koren Rowell





HE SAID
“I plan on going to a college somewhere in state and hope to find a job that interest me there.” Corey Denham

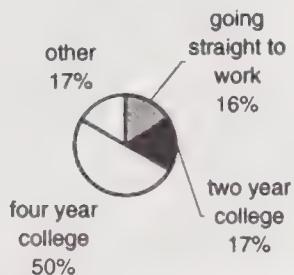
“I plan on going to Clemson University and getting my bachelor’s degree. I am going to college to be a pharmacist.”
Saylor Shope

SHE SAID

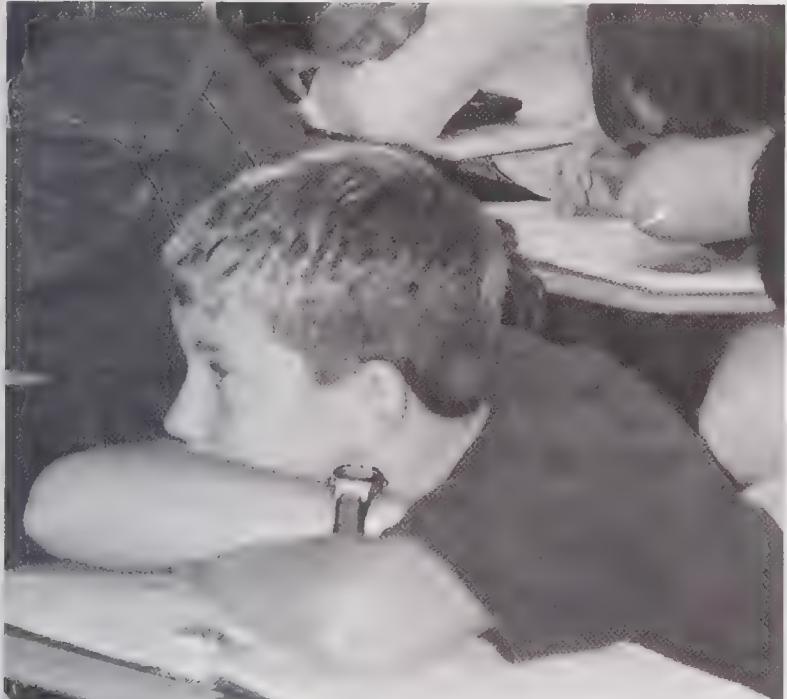


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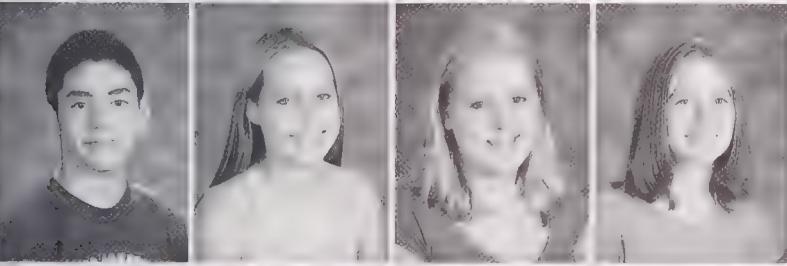
What do you plan to do after you graduate?



Looking ahead. Sarah Ray and Jay Pryor have a friendly conversation about what they plan on doing after high school. Who better to talk with than a friend. Photo by Brittany Prince



Max Ruehlen
Josh Russ
Tyler Sain
Caitlin Scroggins
Shawn Sellers
Brittany Sexton



Drew Sherrill
Saylor Shope
Connie Sinclair
Bridget Sluder
Gilberto Solis
Ryan Spangler



Christopher Staudenmaier
Laura Stave
Cory Stepp
Steven Stepp
Aaron Stewart
Christina Storm

Kayla Tatham
Brooke Taylor
Chandler Taylor
Megan Taylor



Carson Thomas
Austin Tiller
Ashley Turner
Felipe Villafranca
Natasha Villarreal
Holly Vitters



Brittany Vuncannon
Tyler Walker
Brandon Wallace
Drew Walters
Chance Walton
Rachael Warren



Travis Warren
Laci White
Jeremy Wilder
Corey Williams
Keith Williams
Laura Williams



Tiffani Williams
Trevor Williams
Amber Wilson
Casper Wolfe
Jennifer Wolfe
James Wolk



Ashley Wood
Megan Wood
Daniel Wright
Stephen Yockey
Kristan Young







Remember When: You were in school

by Courtney Capps

When some teachers were in school, they didn't think that the discipline levels were much different. Mr. Manuel said that "It wasn't much different. There was ISS, OSS, and detention." Other teachers didn't even notice the discipline level. Ms. West said that she "didn't even notice the discipline levels because she never got into trouble." Ms. West still hasn't changed much considering she still doesn't get in trouble.

When it comes to teaching techniques, the teachers, more than likely, use some of their teachers techniques. "I use a variety of my teachers techniques," said Mr. Manuel. He also said that there's not a lot of difference in the teaching techniques but there is a lot more testing." Ms. West said that the only difference she could say was "they didn't have a lot of group work." Teachers think that they have to use their teachers technique's because that's all they had to go by. They didn't have a video or anything that they could get ideas about techniques.

Schools are not much different today than they were years ago when these teachers were in school.

Look at you! Ms. West was a senior in college and decided to get her picture taken. She decided that she wanted to be an English teacher. That's fantastic, Ms. West! Photo Courtesy of Ms. West

Donna Alexander
William Allen
Lisa Anderson
Jeff Bailey
Kathryn Bailey
Stacie Banfield





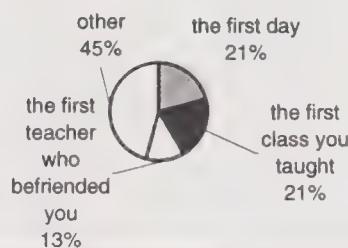
"What I remember most about my high school experience is making alcohol in a chemistry class." Mr. Hnatow

"As a member of the Pat Shepherd Dance Company, I devoted a minimum of 20 hours weekly to practice and preparation for performances and competitions." Ms. Nichols

HE SAID

FACULTY SURVEY

What do you remember most about teaching?



Dance it out! Ms. Nichols dances at Pat's School of Dance as a little girl. She dances to have fun and go to competitions. Photo courtesy of April Nichols.



SHE SAID

You go Girl! Ms. Schlueter is looking good in high school. She is pretty and priming it up. Photo courtesy of Pam Schlueter.



Ronnie Coren
Janet Edney
Dick Edwards
Doran Figart
Geraldine Fincannon
Wendy Fletcher

Jeff Frady
Fred Gore
John Hart
Katrina Hester
Sandra Hester
Dick Hilliard

Dealing with it: Putting up with students

by Marissa Zepeta



Easy learning!! Ms. West cleans the white board in her classroom on the morning of the PSAT's. Ms. West is one of the most energetic teachers. Photo by Excalibur staff.

Dealing with student's behavior was one of the hardest and most difficult things for teachers to deal with. But yet when teachers are asked about their jobs, they said they absolutely loved their job and they wouldn't trade anything in the world for it. Even with students who slept in class, back talked, disrupted class, threw things, and talked out of turn somehow teachers were able to still say they loved their jobs.

Teachers who dealt with bad behavior had consequences and sometimes that is what it took for students to not misbehave. Mrs. Beckett explained, "I had several consequences that I used when students disrupt my class, I gave a warning, then outside the classroom, and if that doesn't work then they were sent to the office. I was fair with students, I never tried to be close minded."

Teachers also did a lot to reward their kids and make them feel good when they behave in class. For example, teachers had many ways to reward students such as candy, homework passes, and free social time. Students always enjoyed these types of things and teachers enjoyed these too as long as students didn't take advantage of them.

Miram Hood
Missy Hosack
Michele Jackson
Patrice Justus
Sloan Kass
Eddy Kieffer





HE SAID
“Ms. Finnecannon is one of the most lenient teachers. She's righteous and she teaches you things that you need to know in life.”
Daniel Walker

“I think that Ms. Mathis is one of the nicest teachers at this school. She's normally, always in a peachy mood and is a lot of fun to be around.” Kelly Probert

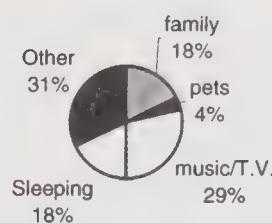
SHE SAID



Talking Español!!! Ms. Beckett talks to Crystal Sharpe at the end of class. Crystal is in Spanish 2 class. Photo by Marissa Zepeta.

FACULTY SURVEY

What's your favorite stress reliever?



Ruling School!! Dr. Hood sits at her desk while working on many of the principal's duties that she has to take care of. This is the first year that Dr. Hood has been at North. Photo by Excalibur staff.



Mollie Lytle
Luke Manuel
Mary Martin
Phillippa Mathis
Leslie Messer
April Nichols

Charlotte Osterman
David Pace
Carrie Palmer
Nancy Peace
Jennifer Peterson
Stephen Peterson

Learning to extremes

Extra Credit

by Anahi Perez



Study time. Ms. Lytle has a chance to study. She works hard, getting her master degree. Photo by K. Hester.

In order for the teachers to have a better career, they take extra classes. These classes help in many things, so they will become more adapted to what students do, and the decisions they take in their career. To make the teachers have a better position, they take additional classes.

Mrs. Lytle, the teen living teacher, took two classes Reading in the Content Area through University of UNC on the Internet, and Facilities Planning and Management through Isothermal Community College, also on the Internet. Reading in the Content area is a mandatory class for all the teachers. "It best helps me with the kids, to realize how students learn." This is what the class helps Ms. Lytle in. "Facilities Planning and Management" is just a setup of schools, where architects work with educators to see what the teachers want in their rooms.

These classes like any other had many things to do: papers, reading, and turning everything in on time. This class also required a teaching license, recommendations, Praxis scores/ NTE, and college transcripts.

Ms. Edney is taking a class in Western Carolina University. She is taking a class called teacher leader, a graduate class. She is turning in her portfolio today November the sixth 2003. She is very excited because she is finally going to graduate with a master's degree in Math education December 13, 2003. "Yes, this is a required class to receive your master's degree" she said when asked if it was a required class.

Although teachers have a very complicated day, with students. They take more classes to make their career superior. That is a very important part of a teacher.

Gary Pittillo
Pamela Schleuter
Tanya Shook
Holly Shuford
Amy Singletary
Jimmy Summey



Kevin Swanson
Skip Taylor
Suzanne Taylor
Ashley Toler
Ken Weast
Mary West



"It's nice to be in a class and teach a class because it helps me relate to my students better, because I can understand how it feels to be lost in class."

Mr. Peterson

HE SAID

"Online interactions is different than face to face interaction in a classroom. Although I much prefer the traditional class room, online courses better suit my busy schedule."

Ms. Benfield

SHE SAID

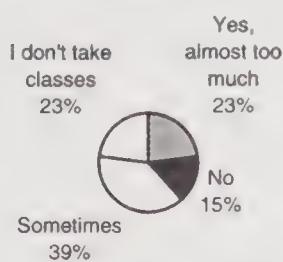
Finding extra time. Mrs. Edney has an advantage of doing her work during her planning period. She also works hard to receive her degree.

photo by Anahi Perez



FACULTY SURVEY

Does taking classes take up a lot of your time?



Doing extra. Mr. Manuel is doing extra to get his work to perfection. He needs good grades to keep up with his career.

Photo by: Anahi Perez



Jimmy Williams
Rachel Willingham
Josh Worley

Three, two, one...

Patrick Mugan was the Times News Western Highlands player of the year. Coach Hart was the Western Highlands coach of the year. Coach Burch was Cross Country coach of the year--again. That names just a few of the specific honors granted to North Henderson's athletes this year.

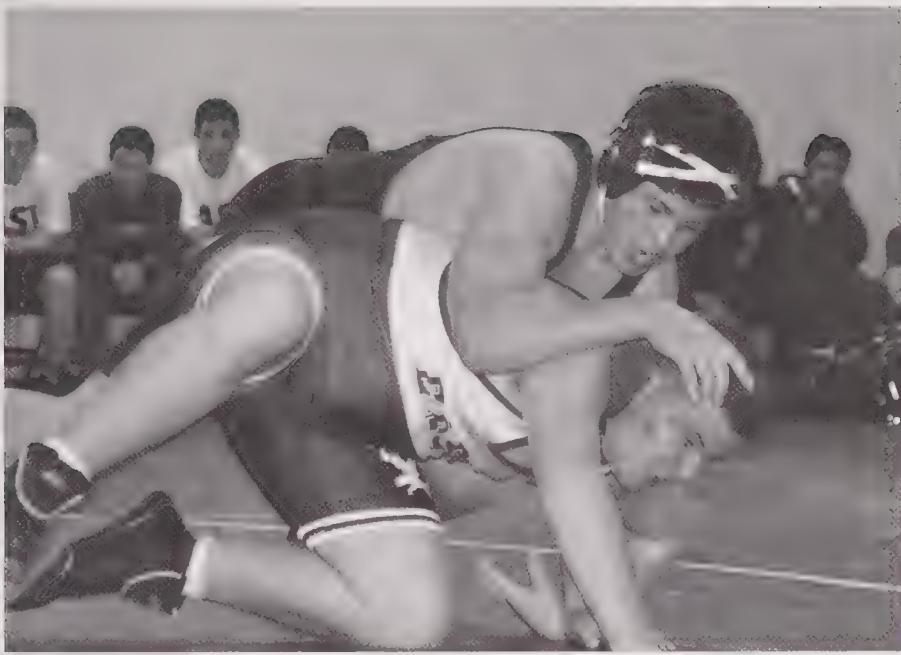
No one knows better than an athlete how important it is to play your part in a team effort. Sports are the one place where both individual accomplishments and team abilities are rewarded and applauded.

In the next several pages, Knight sports are highlighted--the struggles, the goals, the wins, and, above all, the players. It takes everyone to make a successful team--whether you're heading for a touchdown, making a goal, looking for a hole in one, winning a match, racing for the finish line, beating a record, or making a school the best it can be.

Knight athletes did their best, gave their all, and reaped the rewards of hard work and diligence...all the way to the final seconds...

All for one. Randy Cox passes to Tyler Holden, while Ross Sain blocks. These guys learned that it takes everyone doing their part to keep the ball moving in the right direction. Photo by J. Hester





Taking him down. Valentin DeLeon breaks down an opponent. Knight wrestlers know that getting your opponent off balance is half of the win.
Photo by F. Gore



Against the odds. Jake Pittillo shoots against forest of blockers. Knights know that even when the odds are against you, the best thing to do is do your best. Photo by F. Gore



2004 Varsity Football. Grant Keaser, Cody Dalton, Chris Justus, Kasey Wilson, Ross Sain, JB Rhodes, Shane Sisk Second Row: Andy McMahan, Tyler Holden, Jared Justice, Mark Kimbrow, Kyle Wolfe, William Hardin, Zach Brown, Michael Carnot, Jackie Corn, Joel Sherwood Coaches and Staff: Bailey, Rhodes, Coren, Loving, Manual, Durham, Frady, Brown Front Row: Ben Marlowe, Colton Weaver, Jonathan Batemon, Seth Williams, Patrick Mughan, Randy Cox, Billy Peticrew, Scott Drake and Tim Turner

Escaping... Mark Kimbrow slides right past the hands of a Mountain Heritage Cougar. The Cougars' effort wasn't enough to win. It was victory for the Knights with a score of 18-16. Photo by F.Gore



Break! J.B. Rhodes takes a break after working hard in an away game against Mountain Heritage High School. The guys pushed themselves to the limits throughout the season to overpower opposing teams. Photo by Excaliber Staff



Let down. Senior linebacker, Tyler Holden, selected by the local radio station as the player of the game, is heartbroken after battling a 13-7 loss against Pisgah. Tyler was just one of the players on the team to show how badly they wanted to win. Photo by F.Gore



Down, Set, HUT! Ross Sain snaps the ball to Randy Cox during a game at Mountain Heritage. Though it was a close game, the Knights bring home the win.

Hurt? This year's team made it work

By Brittney Lyda

Overall, this year's Varsity Football team worked hard during practice to defeat opposing forces and represent the school. The players traveled to different schools all across the area leaving their mark and showing off impeccable talents. The team started training during the off season and gave 100 percent throughout the entire season; coaches had nothing more than high expectations for them. Head Coach, Jeff Bailey, said, "We are all pleased with the amount of effort we received this year from the players, they made it enjoyable because they practiced hard and played hard."

Varsity Football 2003	
Opponent	Scores
Hendersonville	6-15
East Henderson	28-21
Brevard	23-15
Mt. Heritage	18-16
Owen	0-55
Pisgah	7-14
Mitchell	18-21
Avery	13-33
Madison	22-6
West Henderson	7-28

More than any other year, injuries played a major role in the development of the team. Colton Weaver, Zack Brown and Andy McMahan were just a handful of players to get set back during the season. The whole line-up had to continuously be altered and everyone had to work around injuries of the other players. Coming together as a team was not as easy as it had been before because everyone had to readjust to the changing line-up.

After the first game of the season at Hendersonville High School, the team went on a short winning streak and won against schools from East Henderson to Mountain Heritage High. Homecoming this year was something many students looked forward to. The awesome game was won against Madison with a score of 18 to 6. The team put their whole heart into winning the game along with the other games won this season. Determined minds made a huge contribution to winning this year and that's exactly what the team tried to maintain throughout the year. The team pressed on in every game giving it their all which made it very interesting to watch.

Even though it was hard readjusting to injuries, the team still managed to come together as one, leaving a touch of purple and gold at the other schools. Some games just didn't work out in their favor, but it didn't stop them from trying. This is what made our students, faculty, and fans alike proud to see them wearing the Knight symbol.

Words of wisdom is what the players hear coming from Coach Bailey during a timeout. Every Friday night Coach Bailey strategizes with his team to get them through the game. Photo by F.Gore





Touchdown. Boone Robertson, Matthew McMurray, Patrick McDonald, Colby Lanning, Coach Rhodes, Coach Coren, Coach Frady, Carson Rhodes, Brandon Pryor, Valentin Deleon, Ian Gilbert, Steven Hart. Daniel Henninger, Micheal Lacy, Corey Denham, Max Ruslin, Kyle Collins, Tyler Sain, Josh Penland, Justin Lamb, James Helms, Bradley Ray. Matt Holt, Troy Jackson, Brandon Ward, Mike Polk, Cory Justus, Josh Conner, Tyler Lamb, Nick Eddy, Josh Hewell, Jared Harris, Trevor Williams, Zack Jones. Photo by Lifetouch

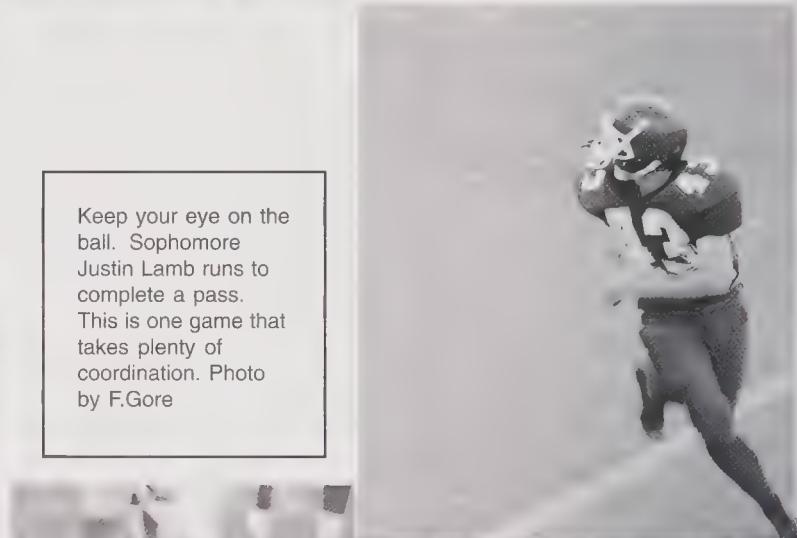


Listen up!
Freshman Cory
Justus listens
patiently as
Coach Coren
explains what to
do next. Photo by
F. Gore.

Score a touchdown! The team gets ready to start the down and score some points. They have fun and are going to have a great season. Photo by F. Gore



Warm-up time. Part of the J.V. Football team warms up before a game. Warm ups are very crucial for a game because it determines how fast you can run without getting hurt. Photo by F. Gore



Keep your eye on the ball. Sophomore Justin Lamb runs to complete a pass. This is one game that takes plenty of coordination. Photo by F. Gore



WAY TO SCORE! JV Football has fans wanting more

by Brittney Lyda

You have to crawl before you can walk, just as our Junior Varsity football team is doing. They are getting stronger with time, and training now for what lies a year or two ahead, when they step up to Varsity. North Football seems to progress more every year and the JV team has had one outstanding season that made fans want to come back for more next year.

Freshman Cory Justus said that "the best thing about being on the football team is being a part of a winning team." Cory

has played football since he was nine and has gotten accustomed to how the game is played over all the years. Anyone who plays will know first hand that football can be a dangerous sport. For instance, Cory broke his foot and badly sprained his knee; Sophomore Nick Eddy also got injured by pulling a hamstring and breaking his elbow. One disadvantage of getting injured is you have to sit out games in order to heal properly; the rest of the team has to pull it together and plan around these injuries.

The athletic trainer has major responsibilities. The athletic trainer is Lindsey Jackson. She said that "Coach King came to me and asked me if I'd be interested in becoming an athletic trainer. It sounded fun so I said yes, and I love it." You have to have some training for the medical part of being an athletic trainer. Lindsey had to go to camp at Elon College during the summer and she also takes a class at North. What made Lindsey's final decision to take on this job was that Coach King perked her curiosity about it. She says, "It is one of those things that you have to experience before you know if you like it."

We are all looking forward to the successful outcome of our Junior Varsity Football team in the near future and where it is heading in

the next few years. What we are seeing now on Thursdays will soon be what we're watching on Fridays, except better because the harder they work, the more they improve. Every time these guys go out to play, they take their hearts with them as well as ours. Seeing them play has fans wanting more.

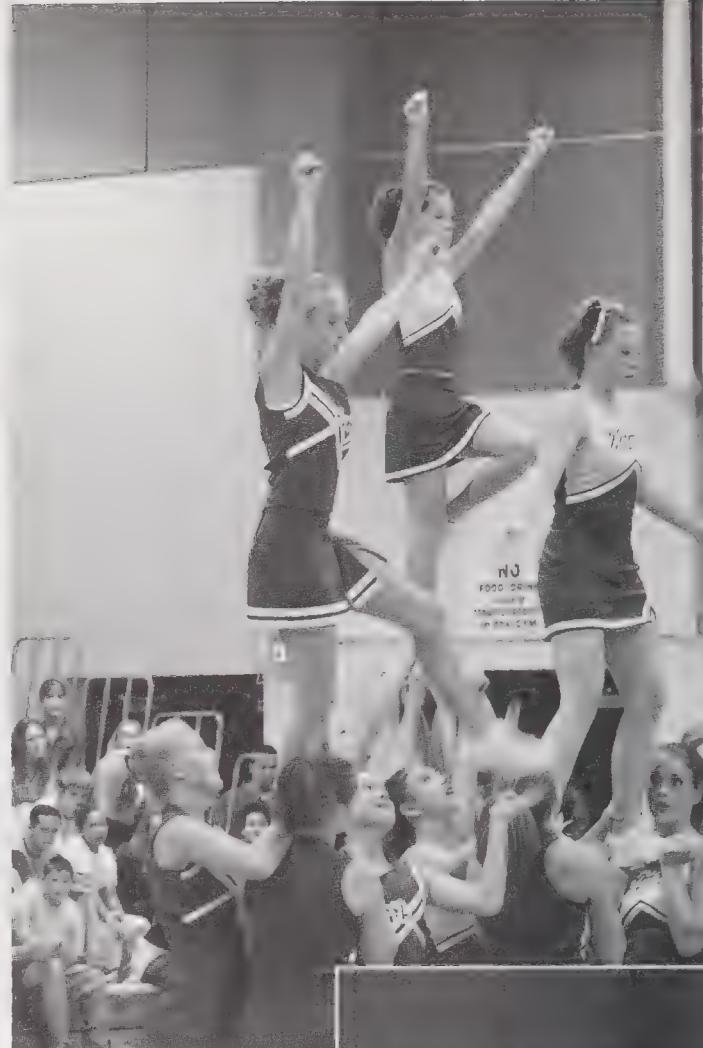
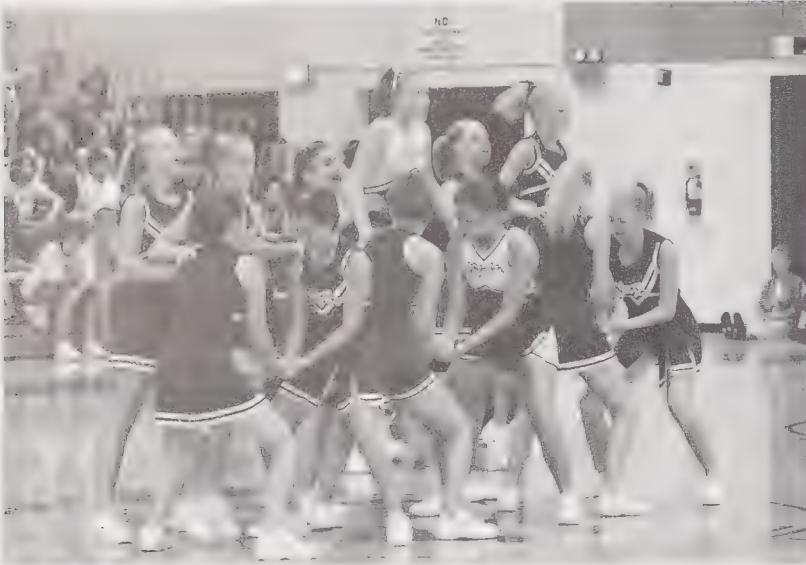
Dr. Durham is the trainer for the JV and Varsity football teams. Lindsey Jackson is the student trainer for the teams as well. They help the teams when someone gets hurt and they are also there at practices to help the coaches. They work hard and devote a lot of their time to the football players and to the coaches. They give the coaches a hand and never fail to amaze the team.

The trainer and student trainer learn to give a little and in time they receive a lot by helping all the members of the team.



of the ways JV and Varsity cheerleading
team do their job.

And here we go. Hillary Corn, Jill Ayscue, and Meredith Wilson balance on the hands of their squadmates. Stunts like this are what make cheerleading one sport with a definite danger factor. Photo by F. Gore.



And the work never ends. Varsity Cheerleader Brittney Lyda does push-ups to the crowd's count when North scores. The cheerleader's job at games is to keep the crowd yelling and encourage the players. Photo by K. Hester

Flying high! Anne Wilson and Jill Ayscue do splits in midair as part of a routine. Being tossed in the air requires a lot of practice and muscle control. Photo by K. Hester





READY TO RUMBLE. Fall cheerleading keeps it rocking.

by Brittany Prince

Whether the Knights are winning or losing, the cheerleaders always hold their heads high and stand proud, pumping up the crowd and supporting their fellow athletes until the end of the game. They stay dedicated to the school, putting in many hours of hard work and practice.

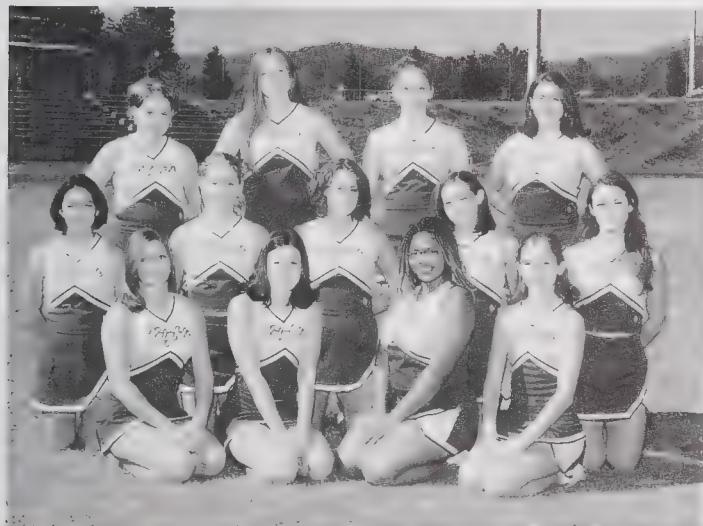
This year the cheerleaders made an extra effort to improve, so they could represent the school like never before. Once the season was under way, the cheerleaders were ready for a brand new year. This year, the Varsity squad had one extra advantage over the past : the sophomores were allowed to move up. Not only was this a wonderful opportunity for the underclassmen, but also a chance for the squad to get ahead, knowing that seven seniors will not be here to guide them after this year. Senior Brittney Lyda states, "I've been cheering for thirteen years, and it has been a big part of my life. Everything I've known, I've learned from the ones before me, and I'm sure the underclassmen benefited from having the Varsity experience." With combined talent , the cheerleaders worked together to build a strong team.

North was fortunate to have many talented cheerleaders, and none of it would have been possible without the help of some fine coaching and leadership. When the Varsity squad competed at Carowinds in Charlotte, NC, they received first place in the medium Varsity division. At the next competition, North Bumcombe Invitational, they placed second, falling shy from first. Here the girls were up against local squads including Brevard and three time National Champions, Erwin High School. More than any other year before, JV and Varsity tried to work

with each other as much as possible; doing so made an impact on JV and allowed them to get a feel for what to expect in the years to come. Head Coach Kathryn Bailey said, "Both squads cheered together for two pep rallies, several practices, and the homecoming game." This was a good way to show everyone that it's not about being on separate squads but coming together as one team and leaving a great impression.

Varsity Cheerleaders. Meredith Wilson, Heather Thomas, Jeni Norman, Celeena Veruete, Diana Torres, Brittany Sellers, Amy Beth Griffin, Vanessa Davis, Ariel Odom, Brittney Lyda, Anne Wilson, Nickie Wallace, Jill Ayscue. Photo by Lifetouch

JV Cheerleaders. Leena Gifford, Jennifer Wolfe, Lecretia Holbert, Courtney Jackson, Ashley Calloway, Amy Sweezy, Jessica Loveday, Brianna Bushelli, Hillary Corn, Kayla Swann. Photo By Life Touch.





Learn how to dance! The football players may be talented at football, but when it comes to dance, they have no chance. The dance team did a special dance to include the football team at the homecoming rally.
Photo by Lifetouch



Raise Up! The Dance team dances with jersey shirts they made themselves. They dedicated this dance to the football team at the homecoming pep rally. Photo by F. Gore

In sync, Heather Thomas, Ariel Odem and Brianna Ward dance together. With plenty of practice, the team moves like a single unit.
Photo by F. Gore



Knights Dance Team. Amy Sweezy, Heather Thomas, Brittany Sellers, Nickie Wallace, Patricia Ramirez, Hillary Corn, Lindsey Alexander, Leticia Diaz, Megan Wilson, Ariel Odom, Allison Early, Lindsey Grayson, Anne Wilson, Tegan Souther, Birttiany Wilson, Leslie Sweezy, Karlie Justus and Brianna Ward



EYE OPENERS: Dance Team does it all

by Brittney Lyda

Almost everyone is capable of dancing, but it takes very unusual talent to do it like the Dance Team does. Although they make it look fun and easy, a lot of hard work and effort is put into learning, teaching, and practicing their moves. Shortly after try-outs in May, the team started working on routines. In late July, trainers from Marching Auxiliaries out of Dallas, Texas, gave the team a private four-day camp, here at North.

Looking good! the dance team shows off their favorite dance at another pep-rally. The Dance team put this dance together with some dance videos, new moves, and moves from previous dances.
Photo by F. Gore

The team also had extra expenses this year, so they did several fund raisers to help with the costs. They sold gift sets in the spring, Belk raffle tickets in the fall, and worked at Pizza Hut during football season. With their dedication and effort, they accomplished every goal they set out to achieve.

The first big success of the year was when the team brought home first place in the large varsity division in a competition at Carowinds in September. The team continued to practice and proceeded to Open Nationals Jam Fest in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, over Christmas break. Teams came from seven different states, including Ohio, Oklahoma, and Georgia; the Knights received third place for their spectacular performance.

Over the past few years, our Dance Team has built up its reputation for being the best around, and now participants can letter in Dance as long as they meet certain requirements. Future Dance Team members can letter in dance depending on grades, attendance, performances and years of experience. This looks impressive on college applications as well as recognizing them for the hard work they put into this extra curricular activity.

Our Dance Team has some very special people who have such a big heart for opening the eyes of others. Through their graceful movement, they allow their bodies to be free, escaping reality into a realm of imagination, showing others how beautiful dance really is.



Wow! The dance team shows off their competition dance that they took to two different competitions. This year's team was highly competitive.
Photo by Excalibur Staff



Shake it girl!
Brittany Sellers
shakes it at a fall
pep rally. The
dance team
danced at most of
the pep-rallies.
Photo by Excalibur
Staff



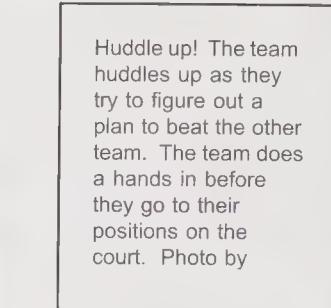
Coach Anderson, Tana Hill, Jamie Lillard, Mallory Bennett, Karlie Justus, Lezette Zepeta, Leslie Sweezy, Laura Williams, Meredith Swain, Liana Vann, Brittany Jones. Photo by Lifetouch



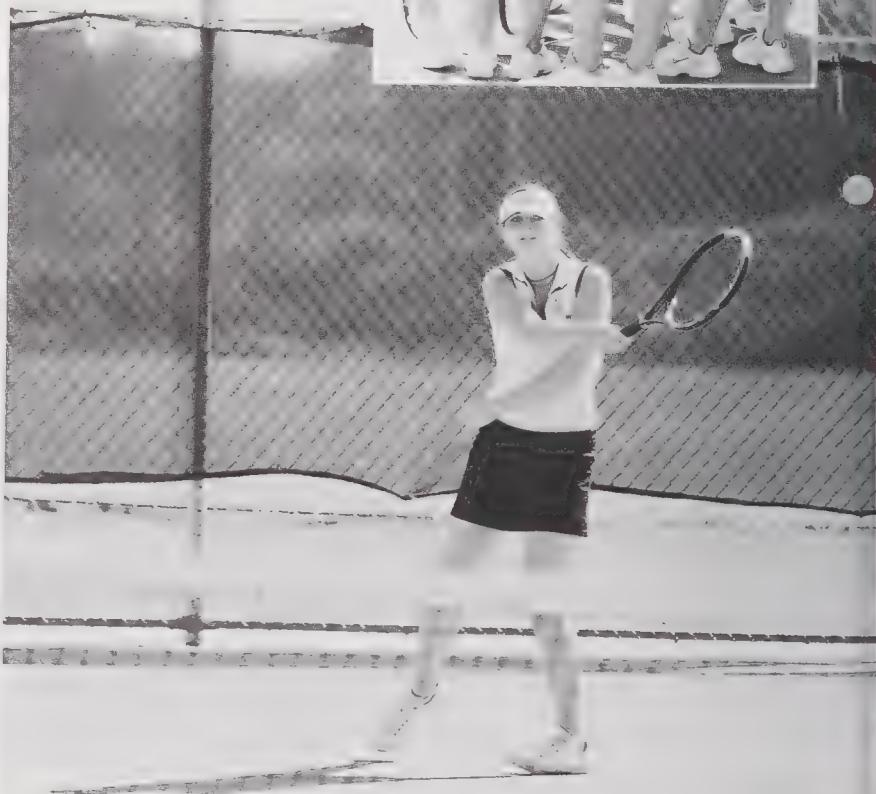
Hit that Ball!! Karlie Justus jumps up to hit the ball in a tennis match. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Return that Volley! Laura Williams gets ready to hit the ball and tries to keep the volley going. Photo by Excalibur Staff



Huddle up! The team huddles up as they try to figure out a plan to beat the other team. The team does a hands in before they go to their positions on the court. Photo by



Don't Miss! Mallory Bennett returns the serve at practice. The team tries to make a good season and does a lot of work in the process. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Love means Zero

by Courtney Capps

2004 Tennis Team

Opponent

East
Polk
Polk
Pisgah
Owen
Brevard
West

Opponent

Avery
Pisgah
Owen
Brevard
West
Avery
Conference

Jump High! The Tennis team practiced hard to make sure that they knew how to hit the balls and what kind of strokes to use. When the Tennis team learned their strokes, they had to decide which was their favorite and which one they wanted to use. Karlie Justus said that her favorite stroke was the backhand because she could put more power behind it.

The captains, Karlie Justus and Mallory Bennett, worked hard to keep the team active and busy. Mallory Bennett wasn't just the captain, she was also voted Most Valuable Player.

In order to get on the Tennis team, students had to go to try-out in May at the end of the second semester. At try-outs Karlie Justus said that "Coach Anderson tested our speed and endurance with sprints." This was done at the end of the second semester because the team needed to be made and they needed to attend practices and camps over the summer so

that they could be ready for their first match in August.

The team enjoyed playing together and winning their matches. Another thing that Karlie had to say was "playing practice matches with my friends was fun." Even when they lost they still had fun just being part of the team and having a family away from family.

When the Tennis season is over, hopefully the team will still be friends and continue to share their skills about Tennis.

Got to hit it!! Jamie Lillard swings the racket and hits the ball across the net. Jamie also played on the basketball team.
Photo by Excalibur Staff.





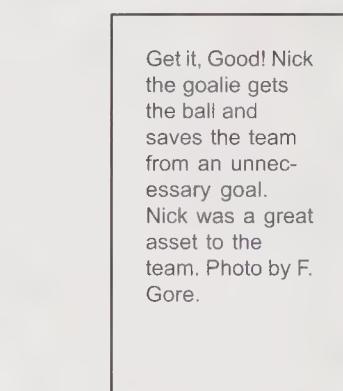
Chris Brown, Kervin Dieudonne, Nick Walker, Brett Donar, D.T. Studebaker, Coach Hart, Alberto Hernandez, Nathaniel White, Patrick Mugan, Daniel Gamez, John Choi, Octavio Rodriguez, Nicholas Jackson, Francisco Rodriguez, Victor Castaneda, Mitchell Early, Marden Rodriguez.



Time to listen!
Coach Hart makes the team listen to him during half time. He motivates the team to do even better than what they are doing. Photo by F. Gore



Hustle! Patrick Mugan is out of breath after scoring a goal. He has done such a great job this year. Photo by F. Gore.



Get it, Good! Nick the goalie gets the ball and saves the team from an unnecessary goal. Nick was a great asset to the team. Photo by F. Gore.



Here we go again! Jhon Choi, Daniel Gamez, Brett Donar are ready to get the game started after meeting with the team that they are playing. All of these players are graduating this year. Photo by F. Gore



DETERMINATION: Varsity soccer wins conference

by Anahi Perez

The mens' soccer is doing better every year, and has just completed its best season yet, with 17 wins and 6 losses. This meant that mens' soccer went to conference, and the conference game went great. The guys were very happy with their season from the first day of practice. They made a goal to achieve, and that goal was to go to conference and win. They achieved this goal and won the conference gym. The conference championship game against West was on Wednesday October 29 at West Henderson High School. North's Mens' Soccer team was then recognized with a banner in the gym.

Coach Hart commented, "It was when Kervin Dieudonne made a goal at Mt. Heritage. They had gone into over-time; he kicked the ball, shot into the top upper left corner of the goal, and won the game." Coach Hart said it was one of the best goals he had ever seen. The whole team was really excited about making playoffs.

Men's Varsity Soccer 2003

Opponent	Scores
East Henderson	6-3
East Rutherford	3-2
Enka	0-5
Hendersonville	3-2
Owen	6-5
Mt. Heritage	4-2
Polk	2-3
Pisgah	5-1
Reynolds	0-11
Mitchell	6-3
Avery	6-4

Opponent	Scores
Brevard	1-0
Madison	2-3
West Henderson	2-3
Owen	2-1
Mt. Heritage	3-2
Pisgah	7-2
Mitchell	8-2
Avery	5-3
Brevard	0-5
Madison	4-1
West Henderson	4-1

Patrick Mugan stated that "it is unbelievable; there are no words to describe how it felt." Patrick has been playing soccer since he was three years old and has always done well. This year Patrick broke his own record for most goals made in a season. Last year he had a record of 26 goals, and this year he almost doubled that with 50 outstanding goals.

Coach Hart was a stupendous coach this year. He has been a coach at North for four years and has done a wonderful job throughout his career. This year he received two awards. The first one was 2003 Western Highlands Conference Coach of the Year. The second one was the 2A Regional Coach of the Year. Coach Hart was thrilled about these awards that he had received.

All in all, North Henderson's Varsity men's soccer team has done an excellent job.



It's all yours!!! Marden Rodriguez dribbles the ball away from his opponents. Marden is one of the many outstanding players on the team. Photo by F. Gore.



Blocking the Kick. Blake Lewis blocks the ball from an opponent from Brevard. Blake was a great asset to the team and their success. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Dribbling it from end to end. David Castillo dribbles the ball down the field at one of the soccer games. David is a freshmen and it is his first year on the soccer team at North. Photo by Excalibur staff.



Keep on running. Wayne Nock dribbles the ball down the field while keeping it away from his opponent. Wayne Nock is also on the wrestling team and is the Sophomore class president. Photo by Excalibur staff



Keep Away!! Kale Wright quickly runs the ball while trying to keep it away from a Brevard player. This is the second year that Kale has played soccer for North.

Watch out behind you! Alex Grant quickly runs ahead of his opponent so that he can pass the ball to one of his team mates. During all of the games Alex had to put his hair up so that it wasn't in his way. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

2ND PLACE! JV Soccer makes it to conference

By Marissa Zepeta

Scoreboard: 2003 JV Soccer

Opponent	Scores	Opponent	Scores
East Henderson	0-1	Avery	1-0
Enka	2-1	Brevard	0-2
Hendersonville	0-2	West	2-1
Owen	4-0		
Mtn. Heritage	6-0		
A.C. Reynolds	1-7		
Avery	5-1		
Brevard	0-2		
West	4-0		
Owen	3-0		
Mtn. Heritage	5-0		

The Junior Varsity Soccer team did well this year. They accomplished a lot as a team and made North Henderson proud. They put a lot of effort and team work into every game. All of the players had positive attitudes and great teamwork skills. They played hard, and in the end it paid off. At the end of the season, the mens' JV Soccer team represented North Henderson High to the best of their abilities.

All of the hard work that the team put into the games eventually paid off. Kale Wright explained that the team played together as one and got what they deserved by placing second in conference. Everyone on the JV Soccer team was excited about doing so well and said that they couldn't wait until next year to do it again.

The JV team practiced daily until 5:00 pm after school on the practice soccer field. They worked on their passing, kicking, offensive, and defensive skills. The JV soccer team practiced together with the

Varsity Soccer team. Doing that helped them become stronger and more prepared for when they had to play against a bigger and more aggressive team. The JV and Varsity team always got along well with one another and were always willing to help each other with their soccer skills.

The coach for the JV team was Brian Walker. He is the brother of Nick Walker who played goalie for the Varsity team. The team also received some coaching from Coach Hart. The key to a successful team is not only the players, but a determined coach, and that's exactly what they had.

The most valuable team player of the JV Soccer team was James Marshall. Coach Hart thought that James Marshall earned this because he showed tremendous leadership, and without him the team wouldn't have accomplished near as much.

Overall, the team had done their best to make the season unforgettable. The team members were very proud of all the hard work and after school practices to improve their skills.

Crossing Paths. Michael Blanchard and an opponent from the Brevard team run as fast as possible in order to get the ball. Michael is a freshman and this is the first year that Michael has played soccer for North. Photo by Excalibur Staff.





Get it over!! Brittany Enloe jumps up to tip the ball over the net. The ladies use the "tip over the net" to get a ball that is close to the net. The ladies worked on this tip method during practice and it helped get the ball over the net. Photo by F. Gore.

One, Two, Three, Jump. Jennifer Wilder and Amanda Julian jump up to block a hit ball. The ladies had to do jumps during practice to work on their vertical so they could jump and block the ball. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Ace!! Lauren Cagle serves the ball over the net in one of the Varsity Volleyball team's games. Serving is an important part of the game for the Knights. Photo by Excalibur Staff



ACE! Varsity Volleyball has a great season

by Haley Donaldson

03 Varsity Volleyball

Opponent	Scores	Opponent	Scores
Brevard	3 0	Brevard	3 0
Hendersonville	3 2	East	3 2
Mt. Heritege	3 0	Mt. Heritege	3 0
Owen	3 0	Owen	3 1
Polk	3 0	Polk	3 0
Pisgah	3 1	Pisgah	3 0
Mitchell	3 1	Mitchell	3 0
Avery	3 1	Avery	3 0
Hendersonville	1 3	East	3 1
Madison	3 1	Madison	3 2
West	1 3	West	0 3

Varsity Volleyball was a great bonding experience this year. The girls combined their skill and experience for a winning season. The team was evenly matched with 6 seniors and 6 juniors. The team put forth their best effort and broke records with a winning season of twenty wins and 2 losses.

The ladies had a great season and also learned a lot while they played. "I think every player improved and I think the Juniors will be ready for bigger roles next season," explained Coach Peterson.

The girls had great bonding experiences. They traveled to Chapel Hill to play in a tournament and also went to Clemson volleyball camp. Along with these they participated in Mrs. Peterson's week long camp to improve their skills. The girls also improved their skills during the summer with open gyms and workouts assigned by Mrs. Peterson. The ladies also had numerous team dinners that also helped them to bond. Mrs. Peterson said "The team dinners were great! The girls love to eat." These instances helped the girls to become better friends, better players, and ultimately a better team.

On senior night, the six seniors celebrated leaving high school volleyball. The seniors had played for four years while in high school. They will be missed next year.

After a great season, the team went to the Western Highlands Conference playoffs. They made it through two tough rounds where they came to play their rivals--West. The ladies put up a great battle but ended up losing. The ladies were sad, but they were pleased with the winning season. The ladies had a great season.



Brittany Enloe, Lauren Cagle, Jennifer Wilder, Amanda Julian, Chava London, Kristen Evans, Megan Lynch, Tracey Justus, Ashley Hawthorne, Kelda Sluder, Brittany Nix, and Heather Cornwell.

We're Number One! The Varsity Volleyball team pauses for a picture after winning the game at Forbush. The team won this game in three quick matches. Photo by F. Gore.

I pass. Amber Bradley passes the ball to the setter during a game against west. The team has worked on their passing during practice, so they could make good passes during the games. Photo by J. Donaldson



Set. Leah Cagle sets the ball to a hitter during a game. Leah was the team's only setter; therefore, they needed Leah for all the games that were played. Photo by J. Donaldson

Time Out. Coach Banfield calls a time out to talk with the team and give them time to rest. During the game, the coach is only given two times to call time out. Photo by J. Donaldson



Spiking the Competition

By Haley Donaldson

2003 Junior Varsity

Opponent	Scores	Opponent	Scores
Brevard		Brevard	
Hendersonville		East	
Mountain Heritage		Mountain Heritage	
Owen		Owen	
Polk Central		Polk Central	
Pisgah		Pisgah	
Mitchell		Mitchell	
Avery		Avery	
Hendersonville		East	
Madison		Madison	
West		West	

Junior Varsity Volleyball was a great experience for the girls who played. They exceeded their expectations with a great season. Even though the team this year was very young with only two sophmores, the team bonded together and had a winning season.

The team was composed of two Sophmores and ten Freshmen students. The Sophmores stepped up and led the team with enthusiasm and support. The Freshmen had a great amount of skill and also helped bring the team to their great season.

Most team members went to Coach Peterson's week long camp to improve their skills. The camp was very tiring, but it helped them improve.

After an undefeated start, the Knights were beaten in their eleventh game by their long time rivals-West. The ladies rallied back from this loss; however, and ended their season with 17 wins and 5 losses.

The Junior Varsity team also carried on many traditions throughout the season. Many team members remember the many trips to Piggy's Ice Cream on Fridays. They also remember the scrimmage against the Varsity team with the incentive that if they won, Coach Banfield would buy them ice cream. The season was a great one; full of fun and winning. The team will always hold a special part in being a team which will always stand out in their mind.



Great pass. Christina Chavez passes the ball up to the setter. Christina was a defensive specialist, and her great passes helped the team to be successfull this season. Photo by J. Donaldson

Corey Williams, Susan Pryor, Bridget Sluder, Brittany Vuncannon, Joselyn Bateman, Christina Chavez, Allison Hyder, Amber Bradley, Coach Banfield, Ashley Wood, Heather Lorenz, Leah Cagle and Haley Donaldson.

Aegan Prigors is preparing to make a swing. Determination and will make the golf team a great success. Photo by Lifetouch



Miranda Johnson is concentrating on her final shot. Concentration is the key to golf. Photo by Lifetouch



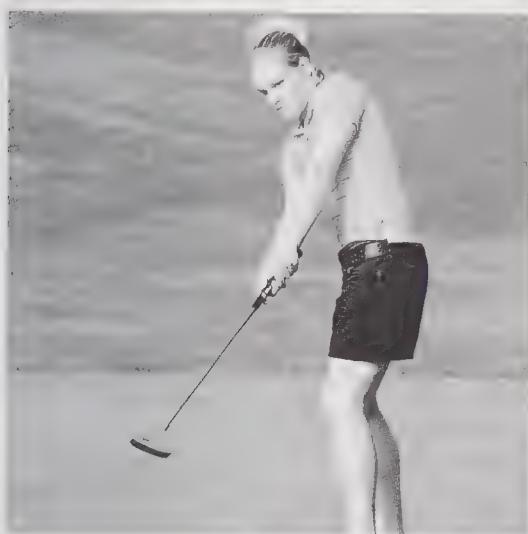
Jeremiah Lanning is waiting for the conclusion of his final shot. Jeremiah shows a lot of potential as a golfer. Photo by Lifetouch



Focus. The Golf Team Concentrates On Two Teams

By Katie Barron

Miranda Johnson finishes making her last shot. She works hard and is a helpful addition to the team. Photo by Lifetouch



be a good role model on the team.

The many changes to the team along with the many continuous things have only made the golf teams stronger than what they were.

Fore! The Golf teams show our school's spirit by starting both men and women's golf.

This year was the first year for women's golf at North, and the women who took part in this event have assured me that this year will not be the last. Coach Taylor described the women's season as "a learning season". They spent many hours practicing their techniques at various courses. Three or four times a week, the women would practice for several hours at Pine Lakes and Highland Lakes. The team practiced so much that they placed forth in the county and set numerous team and individual goals. When asked which player showed the most potential as a golfer, Coach Taylor replied "Megan Corn, because she still has two more years to play!"

There are several players in the men's team that have played in later years. Dan Hazlett is a senior player of golf and would like to pursue a professional career in this field. Jeremiah Lanning, on the other hand, would like to pursue golf as a hobby instead of as a career. He has learned all sorts of leadership skills playing the sport. Andrew Beck joins the almost veteran players as a leader to the other players. He, along with others, does his absolute best to

Dan Hazlett is focusing on his following shot. Dan joins Marcus Kim and Jeremiah Lanning as one of the star golfers. Photo by Lifetouch

Andrew Beck is evaluating the length of his next shot. Andrew has been a wonderful addition to the team. Photo by Lifetouch



the Lead. Javier Acosta runs harder than ever to keep in first place. Javier's determination always keeps the team going. Javier just won an all area award in Cross Country. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Almost there. Ana Acosta stays focused on the race and has her mind set on winning. Ana is a Sophomore this year. Photo by Excalibur Staff

Still in the Lead. Christina Storn and Shiyrah Milkie are in the lead and are planning to keep it that way. They both were great assets to the team. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



NEXT STEP. Cross Country runs to victory.

By Marissa Zepeta

2003-2004 Cross Country Scores

Meet	Boys Score	Girls Score
WNC Carnival	10-11	10-17
West invitational	3-24	10-24
North Buncombe	2-12	3-12
North Henderson	3-15	3-15
Brevard invitational	2-18	7-17
Owen invitational	1-18	3-18
Wendy's	6-24	6-24
Tanglewood	7-14	3-15
WH Conference	1-9	3-9
2A Western Region	3-22	3-19
2A State Championship	2-16	5-15

Cross Country was a big success for North Henderson this year. Our Cross Country team has always done well and once again they made us proud.

All the runners on the Cross Country team always had strong unity and will power. They got along well with one another and that's what helped them do so well in the end. Javan Lapp explained that they did so well because they had talent on their team and a lot of the Seniors wanted to win. The Cross Country team had several Seniors on the team this year. They had Javier Acosta, Jeovanny Perez, Matt Orr, Zach Cashion, Nick Barrier, and Shiyrah Milkie. They all did a fantastic job this season, and the rest of the runners were all sad thinking that this was the last time they ran cross country with their High School team. But as long as the other teammates continue to stay strong, our Cross Country team will always have success.

Cross Country is a running sport that is similar to track. The Cross Country team ran in several different areas such as parks, wooded areas, grassy fields, and around schools. They practiced everyday after school. They practiced by running along roads, around the school, and on the nature trail. Running Cross Country was very difficult because they had to run up hills, and deal with different types of terrain. Even with all the difficulties of running Cross Country, none of the teammates ever complained and always put a lot of effort into every meet that they ran.

Even though the cross country season is over, runners still continue to run so that they will stay in shape and not lose any of their stamina. We even had some of the graduates who had ran cross country in the past come back and run with the new Cross Country runners.

We have always been proud of our Cross Country team, and can't wait until they surprise us again with another victory.

Step by Step. Matt Orr races as fast as possible to the finish line. He is determined to win. Matt is a Senior this year, and has also been one of the lucky ones that has received an all area award. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Almost There. Jeovanny Perez is determined to meet his goal while running in the meet. Jeovanny also runs for the Track team and plays on the Lacrosse team. Photo by Excalibur Staff.





Block it! Holly Stepp gets ready to make a block on her opponent from West. When Holly was a freshman, she had the honor playing on the Varsity team because she has good skills. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Gotta make it! Heather Cornwell makes a foul shot while her opponents wait to get the ball after she shoots. Heather is the president of the Keywanettes club. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

2004 Girls Varsity Basketball

Opponent	Scores	Opponent	Scores
Carolina day	66-32	Avery	42-31
East Henderson	45-54	Madison	56-30
Polk County	69-22	West Henderson	42-35
Hendersonville	62-29	Brevard	49-17
East Henderson	55-46	Mt. Heritage	35-53
Brevard	68-29	Owen	49-34
Mt. Heritage	41-43		
Owen	70-74		
Pisgah	42-64		
Mitchell	49-44		

Guard up! Mallory Bennett puts her hands up in order to prevent her opponent from passing the ball to one of the other team mates. Mallory also won Most Valuable Player on the Tennis team. Photo by Excalibur Staff.





In The Hoops! Varsity Girls rock the house

by Marissa Zepeta

The Girls Varsity Basketball team had a great season this year. They worked hard and had a lot of team effort. The team of Juniors and Seniors worked well with one another. This year we had six Seniors that will be graduating in May. Even though six Seniors are leaving this year, there are many talented lower classmen that will be making a great team next season. We are looking forward to a great season next year!

The team practiced daily in the gym and also in the auxiliary gym. They had hard, long, and tough practices. Neither the team nor the coaches had any regrets because in the end it paid off with their great record. This season we had 12 wins and 3 losses. Coach Williams stated that the practices were awesome and the kids were great. The practices were very positive and optimistic. The team also couldn't have made it without their great coaches.

The coaches for the season were Coach Williams and Ms. Anderson. Ms. Anderson is the mother of Chad Anderson who attends school at North. Coach Williams noted that one of the most memorable games this season was when they beat Owen. Until North's victory, Owen had been undefeated. The coaches were great assets to the team's success.

Overall, the season was very successful and rewarding to both the teammates and the coaches. North is always proud of the Varsity Girls Basketball team and just like before they made us proud once again.

Put your hands up!!
Stephanie Hyder jumps
high in order to make a
jumpshot for 2 points.
Stephanie is one of the
six seniors graduating
this year. Photo by
Excalibur Staff.



2004 Varsity Girls Basketball:
Lashonda Clayton, Marshae Duckett,
Jennifer Wilder, Brittany Enloe,
Stephanie Hyder, Coach Anderson,
Tori Burgess, Mallory Bennett, Holly
Stepp, Heather Cornwell, Brandee
Anderson, Morgan Drake.



Go Corey! Corey Williams does a great job getting the ball away from the opponent. Corey is a freshmen this year. Photo by Lifetouch

Don't worry, I Got it! Amber Bradley stuns her opponent by dribbling around her. Amber was voted MVP by many of her fellow teammates. Photo by Lifetouch.



Let's go, team! The team has a quick meeting during the game. These little meetings had great impact on the players' attitude. Photo By Lifetouch.



CLIFF HANGER! JV Girls Basketball keeps the crowd guessing

by Brooke Powers

2004 Girls' JV Basketball

Opponent

Carolina Day
East Henderson
Polk County
Hendersonville
East Henderson
Brevard
Mt. Heritage
Owen
Pisgah
Mitchell
Polk County

Opponent

Madison
West Henderson
Brevard
Mt. Heritage
Owen
Pisgah
Hendersonville
Mitchell
Avery
Madison
West Henderson

The Junior Varsity Basketball team was a great experience for the girls that played. The girls were hard working and never gave up. The camaraderie between the teammates was the best part of being on the team for most of the players.

The ladies started the season off great when they beat Brevard forty-four to fourteen. This big win boosted their confidence and made their bond even tighter.

The Lady Knight JV basketball team plunged into a slower start, despite their first win; but they picked up speed as the season progressed. Coach Gore reported that their team was struggling, but their spirit and team work helped them stay confident and overcome that obstacle. And even their losses were always close games. They always kept the audience on the edges of their seats.

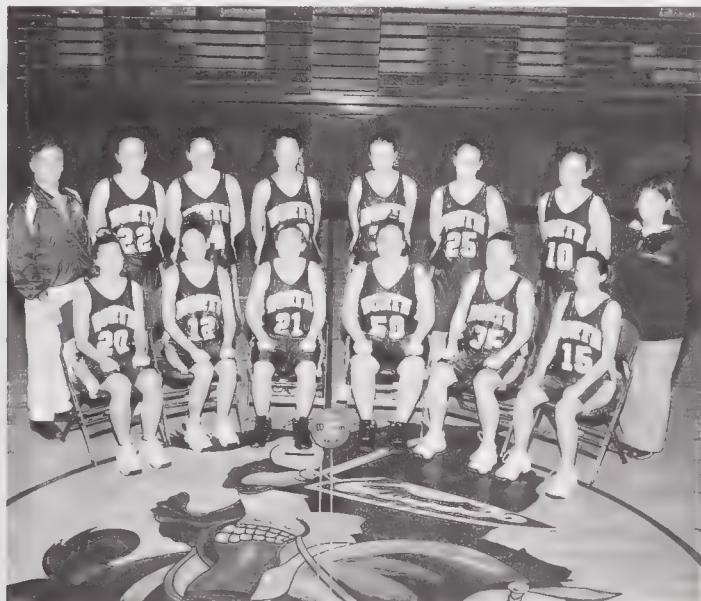
The sophomores stepped up and took the leadership incentive. They modeled to the freshman how to take the wins and learn from the loses. The freshmen improved their skills over the season and added a lot to the team. At practice the girls worked very hard. They would warm up and do drills that helped

improve their skill. Coach Gore also had them practice their plays so they were ready for the games.

Even though they were not yet varsity, they were just as exciting for those who played and watch. The team captains Megan Corn, Jamie Lillard, Susie Pryor, and Amber Bradley all had something very special to add to the team. Amber Bradley was the most valuable player on the team this season. She worked hard and had an accurate shot. Megan Corn brought laughter to the team. Haley Donaldson said that Megan was very fun to be around and, she helped the team bond through laughter and excitement. Jamie Lillard was considered a leader because she encouraged the players on the floor. She stepped up to lead the team in improving to become a better team. Susie Pryor used her height to assist the team in their victories. She is a very talented basketball player.

With the work that they put in this year, things are looking bright for next year's JV and Varsity teams.

Dribble Down. Aubrey Day dribbles down the sidelines. Aubrey is also on the track team. Photo by Lifetouch.



Coach Gore, Susan Pryor, Haley Donaldson, Jamie Lillard, Amanda Cox, Amy Lancaster, Corey Williams, Kasi Dowdle. Aubrey Day, Christina Storm, Megan Corn, Tana Hill, Amber Bradley, Ashley Wood.



You can't touch this! Jamie Justus makes his way around his opponent. Jamie was moved up from Junior Varsity to Varsity during his sophomore year. Photo by F. Gore.

I've got it! Jake Pittillo goes after the ball without a struggle. Jake and his teammates had determination to succeed which led to a successful season. Photo by F. Gore.



2004 Mens Varsity Basketball: Coach Taylor, Zach Brown, Seth Williams, Sam Darity, Shane Sisk, Daniel Lamper, Tyler Holden, Coach Pittillo, Levi Wright, Jamie Justus, Eric Russell, Brandon Coleman, and Jake Pittillo. Photo by Lifetouch



MAGIC ON THE COURT

Basketball has another productive season

by Brittney Lyda

The Men's Varsity Basketball never ceases to amaze us year after year. Every since our doors have been open, the Mens' Basketball team has been setting crowd pleasing records. Coach Pittilo says that even though this year has been more of a struggle compared to recent years, due to the amount of experience, the past six

years have been a good run for the boy's basketball team. The team this year is fairly young with sophomores, juniors, and only a handful of seniors. The team continues to progress and with time they'll only get better and better.

Each upcoming season brings new teammates, and each player has to readjust and work together to form a strong team. The seniors that graduate every year leave behind a part of them that fans can still remember, record breaking scores and a positive influence on the rest of the team that brought the Knights to victory many times, and that's something no one can forget. Each year the team tries to uphold the fan's expectations, and every Tuesday and Friday night, the fans witness them doing their very best. Everyone on the team has worked very hard this year and brought magic to the floor every time.

One of the biggest issues this year was that the coaches in the area are becoming concerned about excessive travel on school nights. This travel could affect

2004 Men's Varsity Basketball			
Opponent	Scores	Opponent	Scores
Carolina Day	43 53	Madison	67 57
East Hend.	62 52	West Hend.	48 66
Polk County	59 57	Brevard	36 55
East Hend.	73 64	Mt. Heritage	64 52
Brevard	65 89	Owen	
Mt. Heritage	59 66	Pisgah	
Owen	60 54	Hendersonville	
Pisgah	56 95	Mitchell	
Hendersonville		72 73 Avery	
Avery	67 63	Madison	
Mitchell	69 58	West Hend.	

athletes' academic performances. Driving to schools like Avery, which is two hours each way, takes away from the athletes' time to study and rest. If the athletes cannot meet academic requirements, they will be restricted from playing on the team and hinder the team's future plans. This year's team does their best, though, to do what has to be done and they have proven to everyone how much devotion and love they have for this sport.

We're ready to rumble! Brandon Coleman, Eric Russell and Jason Collazo look onto the court to see their competition. The players' mental states before the game contributed to its outcome. Photo by F. Gore.

Seth Williams prepares to pass the ball to a teammate. Seth has signed with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for this fall. Photo by F. Gore.





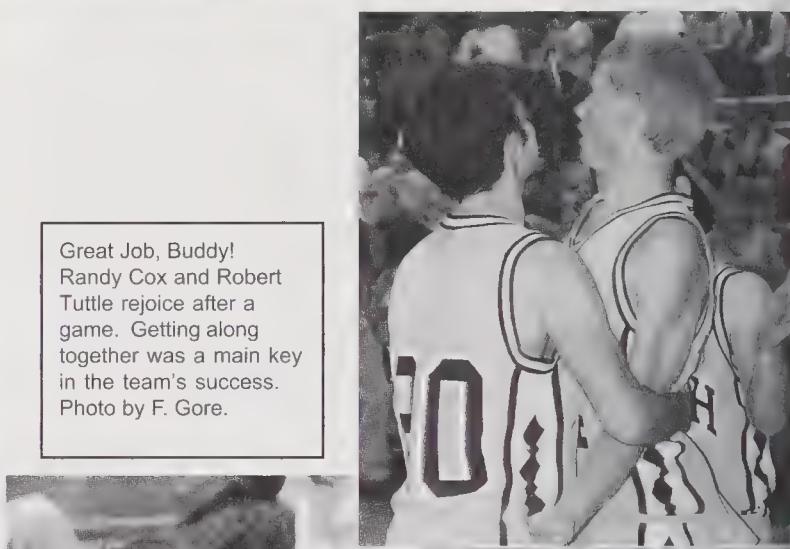
Coach Coren, Kyle Wolfe, Page Crawford, Robert Tuttle, Max Reuhlen, Chad Anderson, Randy Cox, Kevin Dieubonne, Patrick McDonald, Carson Rhodes, Aaron Stewart, Michael Lyda, Sean Brooks, Justin Lamb, Josh Drake, Tyler Walker.



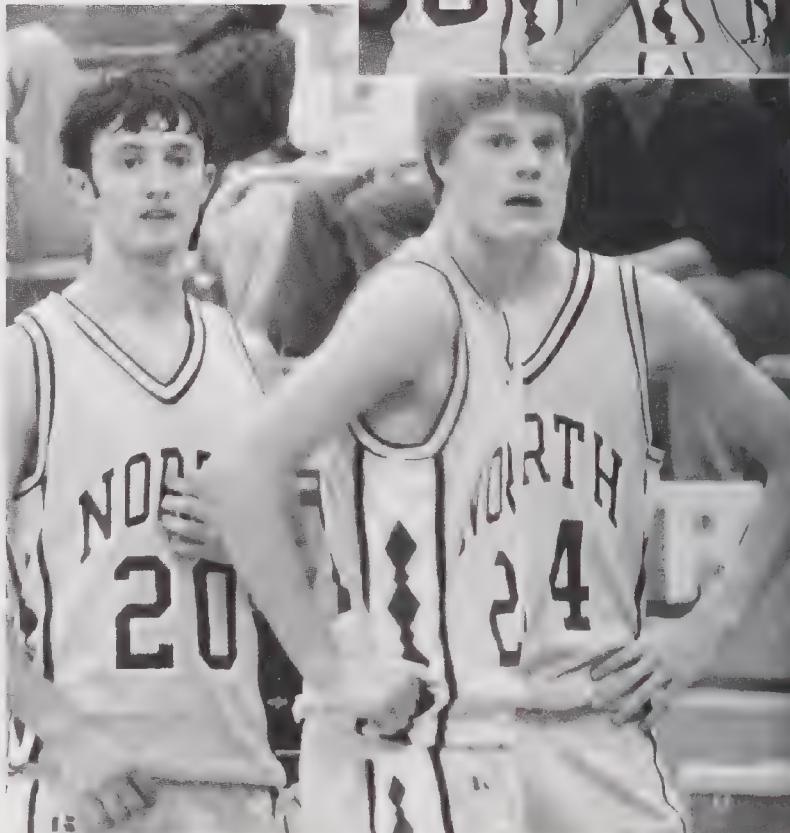
Swish! Focusing, Concentration, and determination help Kyle Wolfe prepare for this shot. Kyle is an all-around athlete, playing both football and basketball.
Photo by F. Gore



Let's get our game plan straight! Randy Cox and Chad Anderson converse during the game. Chad Anderson was voted by many fellow teammates as the MVP for the season. Photo by F. Gore.



Great Job, Buddy!
Randy Cox and Robert Tuttle rejoice after a game. Getting along together was a main key in the team's success.
Photo by F. Gore.



Keeping tabs.
Randy Cox, Chad Anderson, and Justin Lamb watch the game with intense interest.
Randy, Chad and Justin were all sophomores. Photo by F. Gore.

WORKING HARD. JV Boys Basketball practices hard to play even harder.

by: Brooke Powers and
Ginny Jackson

The JV Basketball team started off very strong during the 2003 Basketball season. Their time put into the practices showed. Each afternoon that they weren't playing in a game, the team practiced for two hours. They ran plays, practiced their shooting, their dribbling and their passing abilities, and of course they ran to keep in tip top physical shape. Freshmen Josh Drake explained it well when he said, "Our team has discipline, and runs the right plays, which makes us successful."

Crowds especially loved watching the JV Basketball team so they would know what was in store for future varsity teams. Haley Donaldson said, "They get mad over nothing, but it makes them play harder." Haley thought that was what made the team fun to watch.

Though two sophomores, Eric Russell and Jamie Justus, moved to varsity, there were still plenty of sophomores on the basketball team. Chad Anderson, a sophomore, was called the Most Valuable Player of the season by many of his teammates. According to them, he could "keep the team where it needs to be, and know exactly where the ball should be." Overall, sophomores provided the leadership and experience to keep the team moving.

To balance out the team there were plenty of freshmen also. Players like Dakota Benson and Aaron Stewart also provided valuable support and will help the JV team carry through to next year. The team intends to lead their freshmen and sophmores to victory again in the next season.

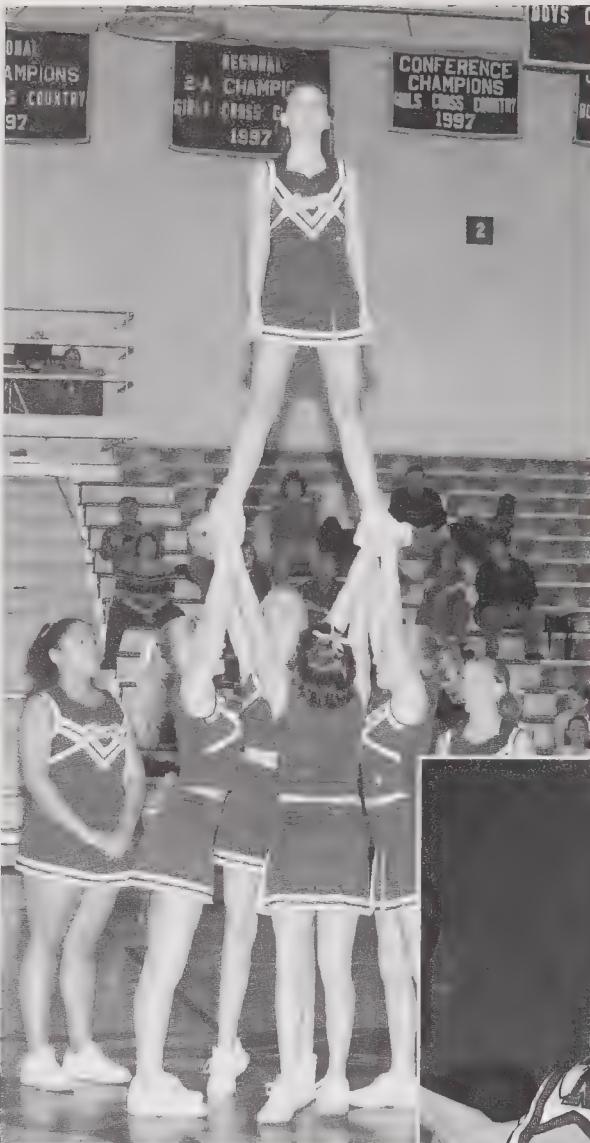
2004 Men's JV Basketball			
Opponent	Scores	Opponent	Scores
East	37 15	Brevard	
East	37 15	Mt. Heritage	
Brevard	17 25	Owen	
Mt. Heritage		Pisgah	
Owen		Hendersonville	
Pisgah		Mitchell	
Hendersonville		Avery	
Mitchell		Madison	
Avery		West	
Madison			
West			

Finally some rest!! Dakota Benson, Patrick McDonald, Tyler Walker and Michael Lyda get some rest once they were out of the game. This game against Brevard turned out to be a success for the team. Photo by F. Gore.

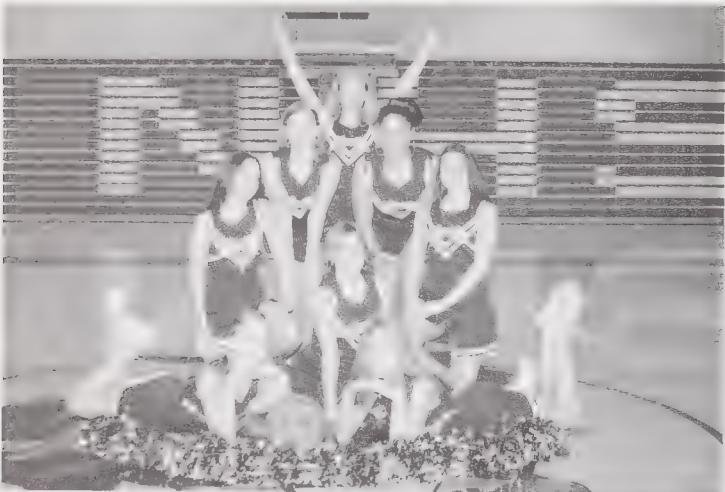




Winter 2004 Varsity Cheerleaders. Jennifer Wolfe, Vanessa Davis, Jocelyn Batemon, Jeni Norman, Kendra Childress, Brittany Sellers, and captain Meredith Wilson.



Stand tall. Brianna Bushelli does a great stunt. This is Brianna's first year at North. Photo by Life Touch.



Winter 2004 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders. Ashley Calloway, Courtney Jackson, Sarah Maldonado, Brianna Bushelli, Jessica Loveday, KAYla Swann, Amy Sweezy, Hillary Corn



High up. Hillary Corn, Jessica Loveday, and Amy Sweezy stand firm in a good stunt. These girls are on the JV squad. Photo by F. Gore.



Encouraging words. The Varsity squad encircles the Varsity girls' basketball team. The squad encourages them before the game. Photo by F. Gore.



Cheering Hard!

Cheerleaders keep the crowd jumping

by Brittany Prince

The JV and Varsity winter cheerleaders proceeded to amaze North Henderson once again. Their job is not only to keep the fans pumped and eager to watch the game, but also to make North Henderson look great.

Number One! Brianna Bushelli, Ashley Calloway, Kayla Swann, and Hillary Corn show great spirit at the end of their cheer. Photo by Life Touch.

Many considered cheerleaders the preppy, pretty, and dumb blondes, but not anymore. Cheerleaders, too, have a lot of pressure like any other athlete. They had to attend many tough practices, and they needed to keep all their grades well above average to even be able to cheer at a game.

Being a cheerleader takes a lot of tough work. They need balance and strength to do the amazing stunts and jumps that they practice hard to do well at. The JV and Varsity squad put in many hours of practice to perform the cheers and stunts needed to go to competitions, which by the way they did very well at.

Both teams worked together to impress North year after year. The JV squad had great opportunities to work with the Varsity squad to produce a great Varsity team in the years to come. Working together gave the JV squad a chance to learn what all they would be doing when in a year or two they would come to do themselves.

Many sophomores got picked to be on the Varsity team. These girls felt privileged to be considered as great of cheerleaders as their fellow squad members.

At each basketball game they show up without complaint and give the fans one-hundred percent spirit. They have committed much of their free time and they have been much appreciated.



Bam! The JV girl cheerleaders end a great cheer with a bang. They were performing at one of our basketball games. Photo by F. Gore



Jake Pittillo tries to stop his dad, Coach Pittillo, from scoring more points
The rivalry between the two is one of the students' favorite things
Photo by K. Hester



You got punk'd! Ms. Anderson recovers as the joke dissolves. She was tricked into thinking a bucket full of confetti was a bucket full of water that was going to be dumped on her. Photo by K. Hester.

Chipper on the rebound! Mr. Peterson watches in the shadow as Mr. Manuel and Jeremy "Chipper" Sinclair battle for the ball. Jeremy participates in many activities. Photo by K. Hester.



Good Fight. Faculty Wins Student Faculty Basketball Game

by Celeste Jones and Monica Kennard



Foul! Varsity team-member Eric Russel is the referee for one half of the game. Eric's fellow teammate, Sam Darity, also refereed. Photo by K. Hester.

Heads Up! Levi Wright goes for the block as Mr. Coren shoots. Mr. Coren is trying to make a three point shot. Photo by K. Hester.

Keep on truckin! Coach Williams runs down the court towards the teachers' goal. The basketball coaches particularly enjoyed playing in the game. Photo by K. Hester.

Students got pumped up for the Faculty Basketball game that took place on November 25, 2003. Students who participated in the game were very positive about winning the game. The students were then shamed by losing to the teachers once again for the past 5 years.

The game started off with the students actually winning. Everyone probably thought they were going to win. Even by half time the students were still winning. There was a big surprise at half time, though, that probably no one will ever forget. The student team raised a Gatorade bucket over Ms. Anderson. Every one was surprised when confetti came out instead of water. That was probably the funniest excitement during the whole game.

Both teams pretty much stayed the same during the third ending. The students were winning and they thought they were going to win, so everyone was happy. During the forth ending is when the scores turned around. The teachers were winning finally.

Also, there was a little rivalry between Jake Pittilo and his father Mr. Pittilo. They loved throwing fouls on each other and blocking each others passes. During the game there was a lot of fun and excitement going on. This was something none of our students or faculty would have wanted to miss. If you did miss it you missed a lot of fun!



eyes. Doug "the Thug" Wescott
kept his eyes with determination.
Physical and emotional strength along
with hard work and application every day in practice. Photo by F. Gore



Fighting the odds. Brandon Crocker fights hard to pin his challenger in a "head and arm," one of the most frequently used pinning combinations. Brandon is one of the fastest and most skilled wrestlers on the team. Photo by F. Gore



Waiting for a chance. Hector Ayabar battles to work his moves while in the referee's position. On an average, two to three pounds were lost each practice. Hector is one of the most intense wrestlers on the team and has the best overall record. Photo by F. Gore

2004 Wrestling Team: Manager Stacy Gresock, Manager Christina Chavez, Coach Brown, Eric Glisson, Larry Crawford, Valentin Deleon, Dustin Robinson, Michael Doll, Coach Uy, Tyler Lamb, Brandon Crocker, Nick Walker, Wayne Nock, Brett Williams, Kyle Collins, Doug Wescott, Jared Harris, Rigo Corral, Miguel Vera, Ryan Moore, Hector Ayabar, Trevor Williams. Photo by Lifetouch



BUILDING UP. Wrestling promises great things now and in the future

by Monica Kennard, Wayne Nock, and Brett Williams

While wrestling may not be North Henderson's most popular and well-attended spectator sport, it is one of the most successful and rapidly improving athletic programs in our school.

Gotcha! Brett Williams attempts a front headlock on his rival to accomplish a takedown. Many matches are won and lost in the neutral position. Often, wrestlers compete in a higher weight class than their normal certified weight. Photo by F. Gore

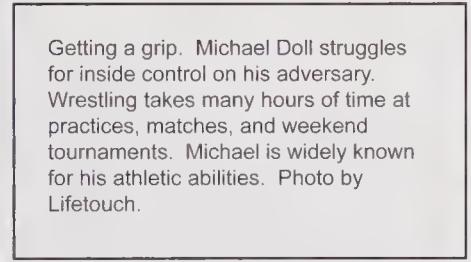
Wrestling is a sport that requires great physical strength, sound technique, and an unwavering dedication to maintaining weight. Many who competed on this season's team remarked that the pressure of one-on-one competition was the greatest trial and triumph of taking part in the world's oldest sport. Each wrestler's goal was to outscore or pin his opponents in order to attain anywhere from three points for a decision victory to six points for a pin fall for the team.

Experience and natural ability were key factors in many close individual and team matches over the course of the 2003-2004 season. Intense practices lasting as long as three hours prepared each participant for the upcoming matches, while strict diet and exercise allowed the members of the team to reach their desired weight class. The will to win and dedication of the coaches allowed the team many successful accomplishments, such as a first place finish in the NHHS Invitational.

Many local coaches and fans have been complimentary about the rapid improvement of the wrestling program and the successes achieved by a team composed of only seven freshmen, seven sophomores, and three juniors. The wrestling program is expected to be one of the best in the conference and region in future seasons because of the combination of fresh talent in addition to numerous returning (and continually improving) starters.



Get'er done! Miguel Vera strains to lock up a quick cradle with short time remaining in the period. This year the team received new warm-ups and singlets, as well as a new wrestling mat to go along with it. Although Miguel is the smallest wrestler on the team, he fights hard and never gives up. Photo by Lifetouch.



Getting a grip. Michael Doll struggles for inside control on his adversary. Wrestling takes many hours of time at practices, matches, and weekend tournaments. Michael is widely known for his athletic abilities. Photo by Lifetouch.



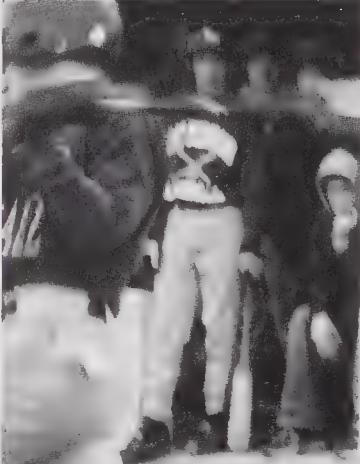
Here's the wind up...and the pitch! Ryan Maxwell winds up and pitches. North's pitchers this year make an art of finding the strike zone. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Swing Batter Batter! Tim Turner prepares to swing at the ball. Tim, a senior, was one of the seasons many successful hitters. Photo by K. Hester



Coach Rhodes, Levi Wright, Jesse Smith, Seth Williams, Ryan Maxwell, Brian Crane, Jackie Corn, Coach Manuel, Matt Walters, Patrick Mugan, Kevin Fitzgerald, Brent Stepp, Nick Eddy, Mark Whitaker, Ben Marlowe and Tim Turner. Photo by Lifetouch.



Great Hit! Ben Marlowe finishes his swing. By watching Ben play you can tell he puts forth much effort. Photo by K. Hester.



HOMERUN. High expectations for varsity baseball

By Brittney Lyda and Brooke Powers

This year's Varsity Baseball team had high expectations, but that isn't any different from previous seasons. At the beginning of the season, the team ranked number eight in the state by Impact Baseball for 2A classification. They faced some of our biggest rivals from neighboring schools like West Henderson and did their very best to compete for the conference title. In practice, they worked on the fundamentals of hitting, throwing, catching, and unity among the team.

2004 Varsity Baseball

Ashville (Scrimmage)	Madison
East (Scrimmage)	West
East	Brevard
Rosman	Spring Break
Brevard	Tourn.
Mountain Heritage	Mountain Heritage
Owen	Owen
Pisgah	Polk County
Hendersonville	Pisgah
Mitchell	Franklin
Avery	Mitchell
	Avery

Coaches expected all of the seniors to contribute to the team. Seniors included Seth Williams, who already signed with University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill based on last years outstanding performance, Patrick Mugan, Tim Turner, Matt Walters, Jesse Smith, Kevin Fitzgerald, Ryan Maxwell, and Bryan Crane.

Players worked very hard to get good playing time, and positions were appointed based on which player put forth the most effort or who was most suited for a certain position. Players usually alternated between positions depending on who was playing the best that week or game day. There was no "main man" who usually ran the show; there was always a team effort. Pitchers switched every so often among Levi Wright, Ryan Maxwell, Seth Williams, Patrick Mugan, Jesse Smith, and Nick Eddy.

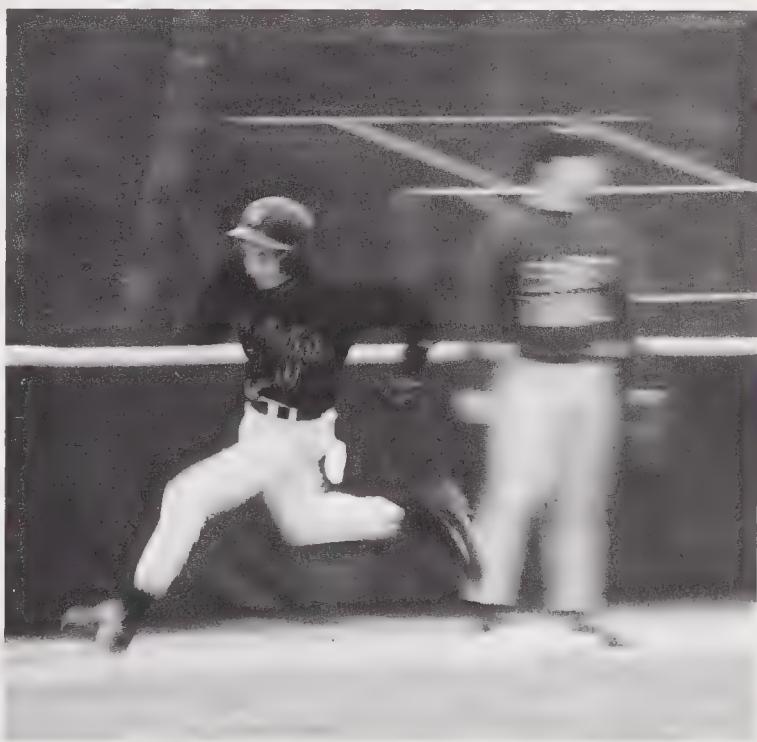
Everyone on the team maintained marvelous hitting skills. Matt Walters, Brent Stepp, Bryan Crane, Mark Whitaker, Tim Turner, Ben Marlowe, Jackie Corn, and Kevin Fitzgerald were just a few of the players who hit well this season.

This

year's team had great advantages and plenty of talent to supply the other teams with a taste of North Henderson's athletic abilities. Coach Rhodes stated, "We always take pride in our field, our teammates, and our school. We believe in playing with class. Our players are close to each other and we have team activities away from baseball." This was shown throughout the season on and off the play ground. The combination of pride and class brought the team to the top almost every time and made for a great season overall.

Strike One! Jackie Corn catches the ball after the batter strikes out. Jackie made the Varsity team his freshmen year. Photo by K. Hester.

Rounding Third! Matt Walters rounds third base as a part of a triple. During this scrimmage after the fourth inning the Knights were up by twenty. Photo by K. Hester.



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skill so that players do not

Loren Barnwell pitches the ball fast to his opponent. This is the second year that Loren has played baseball. Photos by Lifetouch



Watchin' out!! Coach Frady stands on the side lines at one of the JV games, watching the team. Coach Frady is a very busy man with both coaching and taking care of a new baby. Photo by Excalibur staff.



Got it! Justin Lamb makes a catch during warm-ups. Justin is a sophomore this year, and this is his second year playing baseball for North. Photo by Excalibur



JV Baseball. Coach Frady, Andrew Andreotta, Matthew McMurray, Colby Lanning, Zach Jones, James Marshall, Josh Drake, Blake Cox, Trey Nicholson, Dyrryk Murgolo, Loren Barnwell, Justin Lamb, Carson Thomas, Charlie Gibson, Jared Harris. Photo by Lifetouch.

PITCHIN' IN. JV baseball is a team effort

By Marissa Zepeta and Brooke Powers

Fifteen players make up the JV Baseball team. Hard work and determination make the players ready for every situation, both mentally and physically. Only the most determined could get a spot on the team.

Potential players must pass the attendance and academic standards which were set by the state. Physical determination was also very important because of the hard practices and games which lasted from 3:25 until 6:30 everyday.

During the practices the team worked on basic fundamentals such as hitting, catching, throwing and any situation that they may have to face during the games.

The team had two to four games a week and practices on the days that they didn't have games.

Coach Frady commented that the team will do well if they work hard every day. Loren Barnwell has been playing baseball since he was seven, plays two positions, like many of the other team players, and has twice the responsibility playing both outfield and pitching.

Whether the players play one or two positions, putting their best effort forth will result in succeeding and have a season which everyone will be proud of!!

2004 Junior Varsity Baseball

Asheville (scrimmage)	Avery
East (scrimmage)	Madison
East	West
Rosman	Brevard
Brevard	Mt. Heritage
Mt. Heritage	Owen
Owen	Polk County
Pisgah	Pisgah
Hendersonville	Franklin
Mitchell	Mitchell
	Avery
	Madison



Safel Jared Harris slides into base so he is doesn't get an out. Jared is a freshman this year. Photo by Lifetouch.

Getting Low! Colby Lanning gets low in order to play catcher during a game. Although playing baseball is demanding on all the players, being the catcher is the worst on their knees. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Swing! Annie Waddell makes a winning swing for the team. In addition to being a powerful hitter, Annie plays center field. Photo by K. Hester



Jessica Crocker is in the process of making a pitch during their first game. Being fast makes all the difference in winning or losing the game. Photo by K. Hester



Haley Donaldson plays first base in the first scrimmage. Playing bases is an extremely important part of softball and requires a good deal of concentration. Photo by K. Hester



2004 Varsity Softball Team: Coach Banfield, Ashley Brooks, Megan Corn, Haley Doladson, Britany Carter, Annie Waddell, Josalyn Bateman, Marche Duckett, Jessica Crocker, Heather Cornwell, Ashley Hawthorn, Robin D'Augusta. Photo K. Hester

CHANGES. Varsity Softball has a new Coach

by: Katie Barron

With the help of a new coach, Varsity Softball has had a fantastic season. The softball team practiced hard and combined their resources to make the best of a situation.

The team practiced everyday and even spent some of their Saturdays on the softball field. Practicing this much allowed them to attend a few championships. They did excellent, as expected.

Coach Banfield was a perfect addition to the team this season. When asked "Is Coach Banfield an exceptional coach?" Robin D'Augusta responded, "Yes, I think that she is one of the best coaches out there. She loves the game". Coach Banfield's strategy for the team was to work hard, win, and then go on to championships.

The team adjusted exceptionally to each other and was soon a well blended team. When questioned, "Has the team had a good season?" Robin D'Augusta replied, "I think everyone came together as a team, and we had a good season."

Many of the players liked to buddy up to ensure coverage. Players such as Jessica Crocker and Haley Donaldson both play second base and the outfield. Others, such as Robin D'Augusta and Christina Warner, both play left outfield. Playing in this fashion ensured the team

that in the event of injury or absense, the team would not have to forfeit due to lack of players.

The Varsity Softball team combined their resources to make an exceptional team.

Brittany Carter defends second base. Brittany is an exceptional player and does her best to aid the team in making this season great. Photo by K. Hester.

Strike! Ashley Hawthorn catches a strike. Hand-eye coordination is essential to playing catcher. Photo by K. Hester



Follow through. Ashley Wood swings at a perfectly placed pitch, putting plays on base. A true athlete, Ashley also plays basketball on the JV team. Photo by K. Hester



Catch that ball. Sara Flood amazes the crowd as she jumps for a catch. Sara is a sophomore and plays first base. Photo by K. Hester



Strike. Kristen Pace winds up and pitches. Softball pitchers are required to use underhand throws--but the ball still comes across that plate fast. Kristen is new to North this year. Photo by K. Hester



2004 Junior Varsity Softball. Megan Wood, Morgan Cousins, Kristen Pace, Sara Case, Jennifer Kitchen, Ashley Wood, Manager Kasey Dowdle, Ashley Holt, Tana Hill, Shannon Haggerty, Sara Flood, Kayla Tathem. Photo by K. Hester



STRIKE! JV Girls get them out again

By Brittany Prince and Brooke Powers

Anxiety was running high, as all the girls were nervous at tryouts. Though all the girls were talented, the team was narrowed to only the very best. The girls held their heads high, confidently walking onto the field prepared to do their very best. The girls were rated on a scale of 1 to 5 for each task they performed. If they received a 5, it meant that they did excellently; a rating of 1 wasn't so great, though.

2004 Junior Varsity Softball

Brevard
Mountain Heritage
Polk County
Owen
Pisgah
Mitchell
Avery
Madison
West

Brevard
Mountain Heritage
Owen
Pisgah
Mitchell
Avery
Madison
West

The practices were intense, and Coach Flood said that the practices went great and that the team worked very hard. The team was busy preparing for the regular season. Their first game was scheduled for March 2nd, against TC Robertson. A regular practice consisted of running, doing warm-ups, and practice stations. The stations were batting, fielding, pitching, and catching.

Coach Flood said that the team has a great amount of talent and that the season was expected to go great, and that he expected the JV Softball team would wow spectators once again.

Though winter weather canceled many early practices, the girls came through and worked twice as hard when they had their practice. Pitcher, Kristen Pace worked very hard this season and helped her

team through many games. Tana Hill did a great job this season as she was ready and alert in the catcher's position. All the girls that are on North's team did a great job and the faculty and students were very proud of the team's hard work

Teamwork was very important and was no exception for the JV Softball team. Teamwork was necessary when the team wanted to succeed.

Keep your eye on the ball. Shannon Haggerty concentrates hard on the ball to make sure and hit. She is a sophomore, and is doing great on the team this year. Photo by K. Hester



Swing. Tana Hill gets ready to swing that bat hard and hit that ball far. She is doing a great job as catcher. Tana is a sophomore at North this year. Photo by K. Hester



2004 Men's Track and Field Team, Coach Edwards, Robert Beal, Javin Lapp, Valentin DeLeon Michael Doll, Mike Polk, Coach Summey, Scottie Williams, Eric Julian, Blake Lewis, D.T. Studebaker, Eddie Worlund, Ross Sain, Anthony Chavez, Jeff Rochel, Jeremy Heath, Jonathan Bateman, Jared Justice, Colton Weaver, Cody Dalton.
Photo by K. Hester

2004 Men's Track and Field

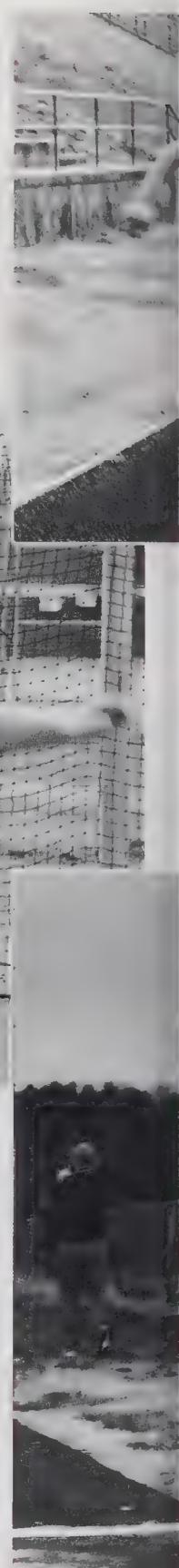
Reynolds
Pisgah, Brevard, Owen
Tony Waltrip Invitational
TC Roberson
Franklin Invitational
Hendersonville
County Meet
Hendersonville, Brevard,
Meet at North
Conference Meet



Turn, turn, turn. Jon Wynstra prepares to throw a discus in practice. One of the oldest track and field events, the discus weighs 2.8 kilograms, and is thrown for maximum distance. Photo by K. Hester



2004 Girls' Track Team, Amber Smith, Leah Cagle, Serenity Ash, Jacie Watts, Ashley Morgan, Jenni Norman, Melody McDaniel, Laura Stave, Lacie Mills, Vanessa Davis, Coach Shuford, Ali Kirkendall, Amy Lancaster, Kristen Young, Michele Dill, Naysa Collington, Heather Lorenz, Kristen Foster, Ashley Collins, Megan Lynch, Jill Ayscue, Coacy Uy, Shiyrah Mielke, Tori Burgess, Ashley Cox, Christina Storm, Ana Acosta, Naomi Martinez, Chelsea Martin, Shannon Martin, Christine Chaves, Amy Sweezy. Photo by K. Hester



RUN, JUMP, OR THROW. Track is all about breaking records.

by Monica Kennard and Courtney Capps



Go for it! Jared Justice goes over the hurdles at the end of a strenuous practice. Hurdles involves a lot of running and perfectly timed jumps. Photo by Monica Kennard.

“Young and willing to excel.” That is how Coach Summey described the men’s track team of 2004. Being on the track team means hard work and lots of time spent practicing. They practiced Monday through Friday from about 3:20 to 5:30. Along with the women’s track team, they did running, hurdles, distance, high jump, long jump, shot put, and discus, among other things, to prepare for their big meets.

Even though all of these activities were involved in the track team, track members did not have to participate in all of them. Some track members chose to participate in shot put only, while others chose to participate only in running and discus. They plan on going to state this year, and to place as best as possible. “Track members need to achieve their highest expectations,” said Coach Summey. They drink lots and lots of water to avoid dehydration, and lots of healthy food to stay energetic.

Members of both men’s and women’s track team must have the ability to believe in themselves, and have a willingness to train hard and achieve their goals. They also have to be committed, and be willing to give up the time track takes up, but the rewards are definitely fruitful! Track members gained new friends and a very healthy activity, they had more energy, and they stayed fit.

Track is a pretty popular sport at North, other than football and cheerleading. Some seniors stayed for their second semester, even though they had enough credits to graduate a semester early. When asked why she chose to be on the track team, Shiyrah Mielke answered, “To stay fit, and because I’m going to run in college - and I do it for myself too.”

The track teams of 2004 had high hopes and worked hard to achieve their goals.



Flying far, Sunneisha Allen, who could not participate in track early this season because of illness, works on her long jump. The jump is measured for distance. Photo by Lifetouch.

Out in front, Megan Lynch runs as part of a spring 2003 meet. This year, the track has been resurfaced to make it more foot-friendly. Photo by Lifetouch.





Excitement! Chad Anderson goes in for a shot. Tennis players practice five days a week, sometimes more, to work on their returns. Photo by K. Hester.



Hit the Ball! Stacey Taylor returns a serve. Tennis is the only racket-based game where the net is next to the ground. Photo by K. Hester.



Counting Volleys. Max Reuhlan returns a volley softly. Players had to work on both hard and soft returns to improve their game. Photo by K. Hester



Getting Into It. Chris Miller stretches across and works his forehand. "Racketing" skills are important, since the area the ball needs to contact is almost three feet away from the player's hands. Photo by K. Hester

Stretching out. Jake Willingham returns a fast, hard serve. Although tennis courts are much smaller than some playing fields, the players still get a workout where both speed and stamina are essential. Photo by K. Hester



SERVING IT UP. Men's tennis takes the court.

By Courtney Capps

2004 Men's Tennis

Polk
Hendersonville
Moutain Heritage
East
Owen
Brevard
Avery
West
East

Mountain Heritage
Owen
Brevard
Avery
West
Conf. Tournament
Dual Team
Regionals

Continuing that Volley! Tennis is a game of strategy and skill. Jake Willingham said that "strategy is important, but without skill you can't use your strategy." To work on skill, players had to develop detailed hand/eye coordination, volleying skills, control, and the ability to use the racket as an extension of their own arms. They also had to work on footwork, sprinting, and stamina to stay in the match.

Coach Anderson said that "making them believe in themselves and helping them have the confidence to win the hard matches" is the hardest part of coaching the team.

Success is also important in tennis. Success means that "you play someone better than you and win." At least, according to Jake Willingham, it is.

Jake also stated that "practices were harder this year, but it was still fun." Practice began with two minute warm-up sprints, then continued with volleying, forehand and backhand drills, serving drills, and more running. After all, practice makes perfect, so no matter how hard the job is, students still need practices to get better at whatever the job or sport is. Also, Jake Willingham said that the team needed to work more on "speed, endurance, and serving" to be a better team. Coach Anderson said that the skills the team needed for tennis is "volleying and first serves."

Everyone has their role models that they like in that certain sport that they play. Jake said that his favorite professional tennis player would be Anna Kornacova. That's only fair, since she is the most profitably sponsored player in tennis right now.

2004 Mens' Tennis Team. Coach Anderson, Max Ruehlen, Jake Willingham, Tyler Nix, Chad Anderson, Sean Brooks, Chris Miller, Brett Donar, and Stacey Taylor. Photo by K. Hester



side who he should pass the ball to. Daniel has been part of the Lacrosse ever since it
Photo by K



Go for the goal. Jed Freeman catches the ball and heads straight to the goal. Jed is a new member of the club. Photo by K. Hester.

Catch it, good. Bradley Cole makes a great attempt to catch the ball. Catching the ball requires a lot of fast movement and hand/eye coordination. Photo by K. Hester.



Raking it in. Lacrosse team gets new sponsors and gear.

By Anahi Perez

Lacrosse is one of the oldest North American sports. This challenging sport combines elements of many other different sports, requiring participants to have great hand/eye coordination, fast reflexes, stamina, speed, and definitely lots of guts.

Lacrosse came to North with one of our students, Nick Rankin. Nick has played on a Lacrosse team ever since he was nine in New York, but when he moved here, there was no team. He heard that Coach Loving had coached Lacrosse before, and asked if he was interested in coaching it again. Coach Loving agreed.

Some members of the club originally joined because they said they had nothing better to do. When they decided to check the new sport out, they found that it wasn't just something to fill in time. And as practices went on, it just got "better and better" added Larry Crawford, also a member of the club.

On the other hand, members like Daniel Walker were just looking for the right sport, and when he heard of Lacrosse, he tried it out and enjoyed the game. Although most of the equipment is very expensive, players borrow or buy their own equipment from Mr. Loving or a Sport Equipment Store. The club has also arranged to be sponsored by local businesses in exchange for advertising their businesses on the club jerseys and equipment.

Lacrosse is a mix of different sports. For example, it includes parts of football because of the body contact, but they play on a larger field than football. Ten people play at a time. The game is made up of four 12 minute quarters. The game is also similar to Hockey because they play with a net, they can play behind the goal, and the goalie has to be able to play in a 360 degree circle. Line changes, penalty boxes, and power plays are also involved. Tennis skills are also incorporated because the players must throw and catch the balls in a taut net at the end of a three to six feet long stick.

Coach Loving was a lacrosse coach for 13 years in Northern Virginia. Although the team is still building their reputations, Coach Loving assured us that the guys were "catching on" and that lacrosse was not an easy game to play.

Although some of the guys played over the summer and understand the game, many are new players this year.

2004 Lacrosse club members. Kevin Yockey, Grant Keisse, Tommy Hylemon, Michael Maldonado, Ben Lillard, Zack Cashion, Jeovanny Perez, Jason Colazo, Nick Rankin, Daniel Walker, Chris Beach, Billy Petticrew, Jed Freeman, Wayne Nock, Aaron Maldonado, Justin Yockey, Bradley Cole, and Matt Sternier. Photo by Lifetouch

Getting in there with them. Coach Loving not only tells his lacrosse club members what to do, but also joins them in practice. Athletes in many sports appreciate an example from their coaches so they don't feel like they're the only ones doing everything. Photo by K. Hester.

2004 Lacrosse Club

March 5 (Scrimmage)



Mauldin HS

April 1 Christ School

March 13 Lacrosse



April 7 East

Henderson

March 23 East



April 28 Freedom

May 4 Christ School



Nicole Luft is always in the lead. She leads her opponents in the team as co-captain of the playing forward position.

Nice Move. A. Luft recovers the ball before the opponents. Frauca is a foreign exchange student from Brazil. Photo by J. Hester



2004 Girls Soccer Team.
Coach King, Marissa Zepeta,
Natalie Hudgins, Jennifer
Mirckovic, Liana Vann, Aubrey
Day, Claudia Alejos, Coach
Fletcher, Laura Haney, Molly Silva,
Elizabeth Tomas, Angeles
Ramirez, Ashley Freeburg,
Bethany Garmon, Noella Cruz,
Yamili Lopez, Lupita Aguilera,
Anahi Perez, Frauca Luft, Ivey
Hale, Megan Suave, and Tiffani
Williams. Photo by Lifetouch

Nice Move. Elizabeth Tomas takes the ball away from another player. Elizabeth, who plays defense, has a great attitude. Photo by Lifetouch.



Yeah! The girls on the bench are cheering the girls on while scoring their fifth goal during their game vs. Erwin. The girls have improved a lot over the past years. Photo by J. Hester



GIRLS WITH GAME. Girls' Soccer has a way of its own

by Anahi Perez

In the past, North has not stood out for their great accomplishments in soccer. But this year, the team decided to be different. This year the ladies decided to achieve their goals and make a great difference.

2004 Girls Soccer

Erwin	Owen
MT Heritage	East
East Rutherford	Mt. Heritage
Pisgah	East Rutherford
Faith Christian	Pisgah
Mitchell	Mitchell
Avery	Hendersonville
Faith Christian	Avery
Brevard	Brevard
Madison	Madison
West	West

This year the ladies choose Laura Haney and Natalie Hudgins as their captains. Laura has been playing soccer for many years. Not only is she a great soccer player but she also gives a great example for the rest of her players. Laura also has a great attitude. No matter whether there is a win or a loss she knows that the team has worked really hard for their accomplishments.

Natalie Hudgins, the co-captain, gives her all during games and practices. She does her best to keep the ball well into the offensive zones, yelling encouragement and advice to her fellow players, on or off the field.

Although the early season's practices were really hectic, the girls always showed up, through any kind of weather, including snow, rain, or anything else to have practices and improve on their skills. Coach Fletcher taught her players that "Once is Luck, but Twice is Skill!"

But not all the team building occurred on the field. The team also bonded off of the field as well. For example, early in the season the team held a sleep-over, so that the girls could improve their communication skills. During the sleepover, the girls watched a movie, ate pizza, and had fun! Many activities like these helped the girls in becoming a team, working together, and achieving their goals.

Elizabeth Tomas and Angeles

Rodriguez both agree that soccer is their favorite sport. These girls have been playing soccer together since they were in the eighth grade.

There are several seniors on the team this year. These seniors are very energetic and have great attitudes.

The first game of the season was a win, heralding the great season to come. These girls got game.

Goin' for the goal. Laura Haney works very hard for the girls to earn another goal. Laura is always very active and never gives up.

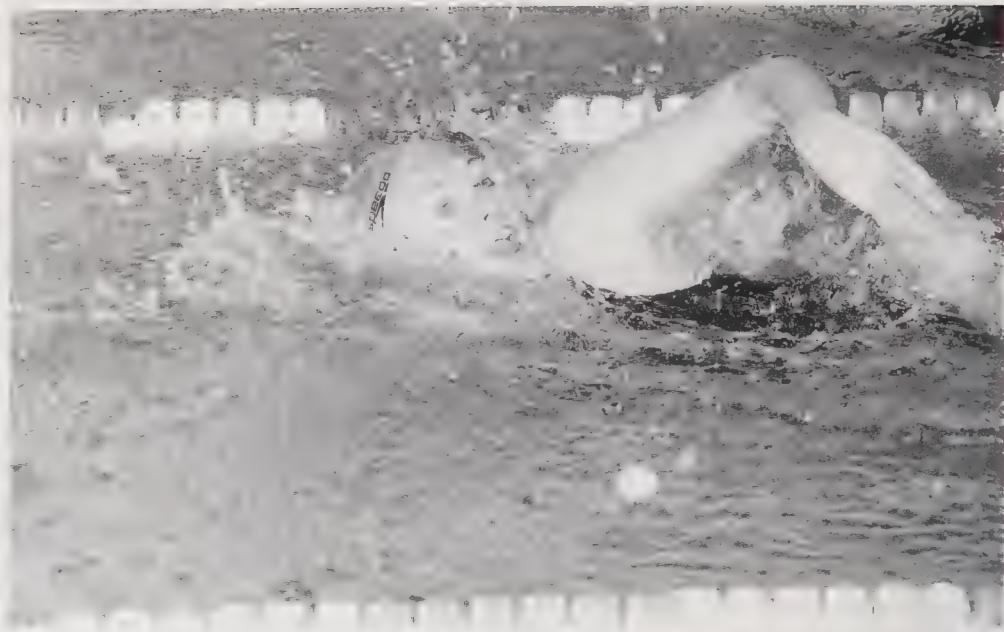
Get it up there! Marissa Zepeda plays defense. Although defensive players rarely make goals directly, they are a big factor in winning the game. Photos by K. Hester

Shoot! Ashley Freeberg makes it to the goal in time, shoots, and scores. Ashley was voted the most spirited by her senior class. Photo by K. Hester





Good swim! Amanda Anthony takes a break after swimming in a match. Photo by S. Peterson.



Catch a breath! Amanda Anthony takes a breath as she swims like mad! The girls swim very hard, and put forth a lot of effort. Photo by Lifetouch.



Break! Mr. Peterson is counseling Amanda Anthony. Mr. Peterson helps the girls as much as he can by coaching them. Photo by Lifetouch.



Amanda Vaughan, Valentina Martinez, and Amanda Anthony. Photo by S. Peterson.



LIKE A DOLPHIN!

Swim Team makes a splash

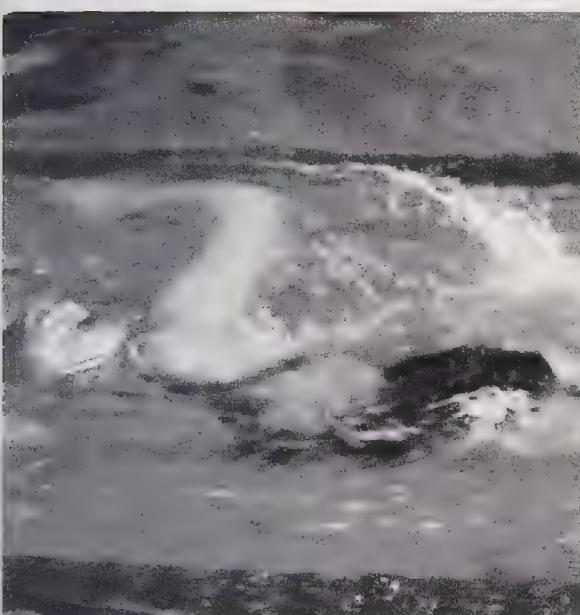
by Tegan Souther and Monica Kennard

Swim fast! Amanda Anthony swims fast for her warm-up and to improve her time. The girls are always working to beat their own record. Photo by S. Peterson.

The Swim team had to swim so many laps at their practices that it was hard to keep count! They practiced swimming laps for the strenuous swim meets they had to go to. The Swim team met at the YMCA in Hendersonville to compete with their swimming abilities.

To try out on the Swim team, students must go to the pool on the day of try-outs, learn the four basic strokes, and then be observed individually on how well they can swim. When asked what she thought about the try-outs, Amanda Vaughan answered “Try-outs are not really hard at all. To me it was very simple.” Any grade level can try out, and all you have to bring is a swim suit and a positive attitude. Students wore a swimsuit of their choice to swim practice, but to swim meets they wore uniforms that were picked out at the beginning of the season.

Unfortunately, this year the swim team won no meets; however, each swimmer improved on their times every meet. Amanda Vaughan scored more points than any other North High swimmer this century, and Amanda Anthony had a 12th place finish in the 50th freestyle. Next year, Mr. Peterson wants more swimmers. He plans to double the size of the team. Overall, Mr. Peterson said “We had a good time, and a good season.”



Swim! Amanda Anthony swims laps while warming up. The girls always warm up before a match so they can swim their best. Photo by S. Peterson.



Get ready! Amanda Anthony is warming up for a match. That smile means that she is pumped and confident. Photo by S. Peterson.

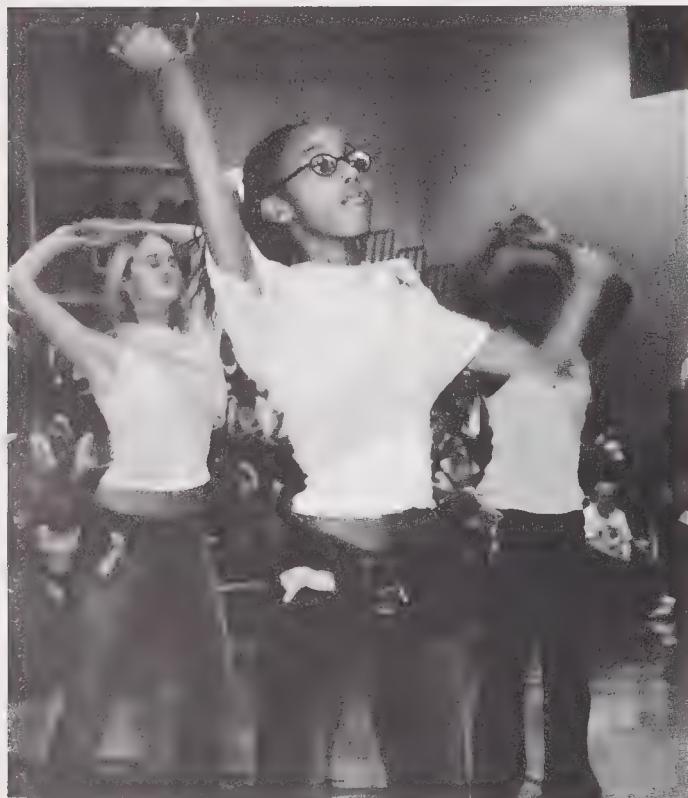




2004 Step team. Valentina Martinez, Michelle Dills, Shanice Marshall, Amy Lancaster, Sarah Maldonado, Roxanne Arnette, Jocelyn Batemon, Chelsea Martin, Krystal Gibbens, Shunneisha Allen, Shannon Martin, Tara Escobar, Kristen Young, Marche Duckett, Nikkie Wallace.



With the wave of a Hand. Roxanne Arnett, Marie Beaunegre, Valentina Martinez, and Michelle Flippen use their hands in a dance performance at a pep rally. Photo by Excalibur



Hands up! After a long practice, Shannon Martin does a great job to perform in every pep rally. Everyone on the step team has done a great job to keep up with the routine. Photo by Excalibur staff.



STEPPING OUT! Step team makes its move into the spotlight.

by Courtney Capps

You know it. The step team is about to go out and perform at the pep rally. They have fun as they yell and scream. photo by Excalibur staff

Step to it! This year's step team was number one: the first step team in the school's history.

Nickie Wallace said that "it was exciting being the first step team because no one has done it before." The team had to struggle this year with finding and changing advisors, and with having to coach and choreograph their own routines, but the team found that it was worth all the effort.

Some of the step team members said that it was hard work to keep up with all of the routines and to practice everyday until around five-thirty. Michelle Dill's opinion was a little different. She said that "practices are fun but when it came time to perform, practice got very hard."

The captains of the team were Nickie Wallace and Marche Duckett. Michelle Dill said that "the captains were cool."

The step team's first performance was at a fall pep rally. Every performance after that got easier and easier as the team gained confidence. When it comes to competition, Nickie Wallace stated that they didn't go to competitions in 2003, but they were planning on going "within the next year."

Michelle and Nickie both said that they feel excited to be on the step team. Being on the step team was a privilege. Students have to get good grades and maintain them, and they must take their school work and team work seriously.

One by one and one STEP at a time, step team members learned about what responsibility is and learn how to take it, for a team as well as for themselves.



Walk off the Stage. Amy Lancaster, Roxanne Arnett, and Annie Wadel walk off the floor after they perform. Step team always has a smile on their face when they go out and perform. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Do your thing. Joselyn Bateman and Shanice Marshal do their thing on the floor at a pep rally.

Each One Reach One...

School isn't everything--is it? For some students, the 8:00 to 3:00 day defined their school life. But for others, after the 3:00 bell rang, the real school day was just getting started. These students learned that interacting with their peers outside of the classroom in clubs and organizations helped them help themselves and the community around them.

Students could find a club for almost any interest. Want to become an entrepreneur? Join DECA or FBLA. Want to spend time with people who share your religion? There's FCA and BASIC. Want to learn more about career and technical education? There's more going on behind the scenes in FFA, Skills USA, FCCLA, and HOSA.

And then there are the groups focused on helping others, on helping the school, and on furthering academic interests.

Sports weren't the only before and after school activities students could be a part of. Clubs and organizations helped students reach beyond themselves to show the community how dedicated North could be.

Preparing hearts. Ashton Sprouse, Danielle Freeman, and Michael Maldonado work on creating valentines cards with candy for the FBLA to sell. A number of clubs used candy sales to earn money. Photo by K. Hester





Keep it steady. Brianna Ward carefully writes the names of winning students for the most improved student tea. The Student Council, along with Ms. Case, hosts the tea every year to honor students who improve their academics, attendance, and attitudes in class. Photo by K. Hester



On beat. Michael Maldonado, Brittany Wilson, Brittany Vuncannon and Kasey Dowdle lead the singing at See You at the Pole. It is hosted every year by the FCA. Photo by F. Gore

Student Council

Almost every event and activity that takes place at our school is sponsored or run by student council. This club plays a major role in our student life, making school more than just a place of study, but a place of involvement. So much of our time is spent here on campus and student council makes great effort to make that time as exciting as possible, planning activities that students can thoroughly enjoy.

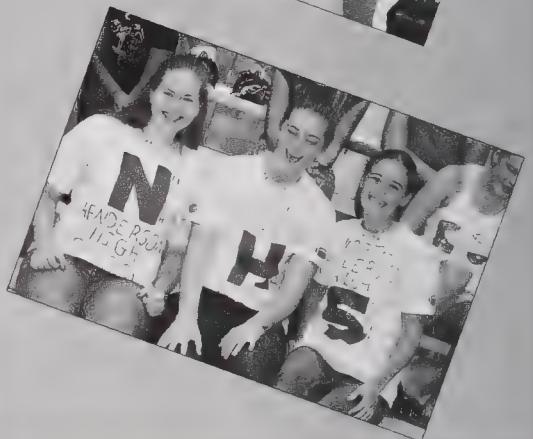
At the end of each school year student body officers are selected for the upcoming year by the rest of the students. At the beginning of the school year members are composed of one representative chosen by each homeroom along with class officers for each grade. Together, they meet every Tuesday morning at 7:30 to make plans for the student body to get involved in.

Homecoming is one of the first top priorities. They have to all put their heads together and decide on the theme, preparing the dance, decorations, order of events, spirit week and all of the minor details. Spirit week is the biggest part of homecoming and students earn points by participating every day to see which class is the most spirited and involved. Field day, pep rally, and the school dance is part of the events planned by student council throughout the week.

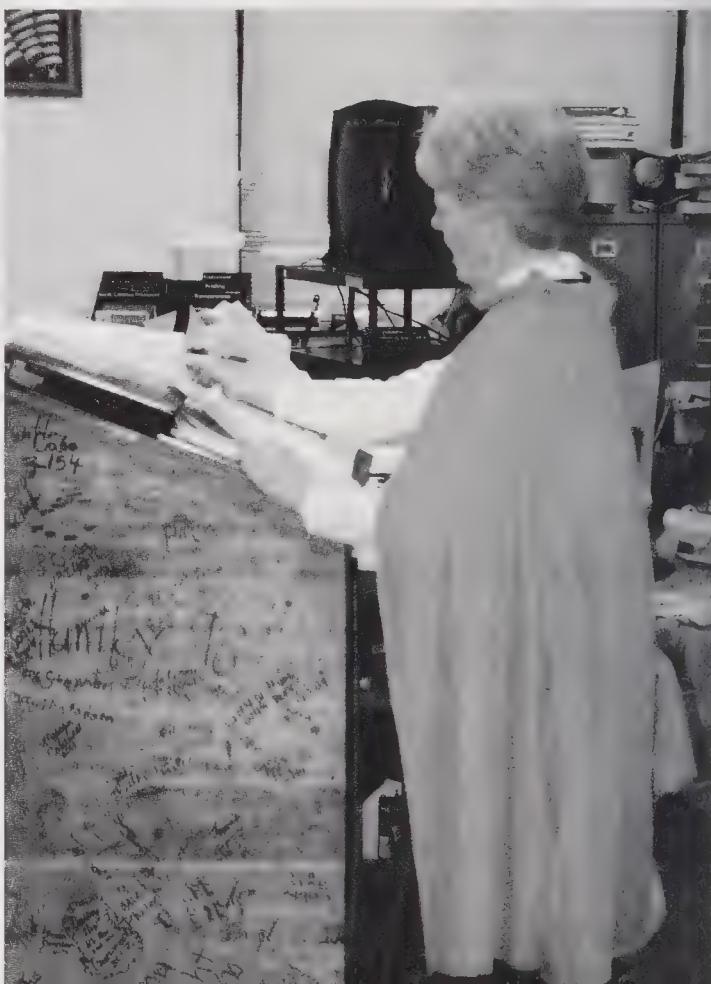
The students involved in student council stay very dedicated to this school and its students. The things we will remember most in years to come is the things planned thanks to student council.

In Charge! Ms. Case sponsors student council and helps organize almost all school events. She has led the student government for many years. Photo by Excalibur

Getting Involved. Brittany Enloe (above) participates in costume day during spirit week. Council members Stephanie Hyder, Jennifer Wilder, and Allison Nock (below) show their spirit during a pep rally. Student council is in charge of putting together spirit week during homecoming and they earn points by participating in as many school events as they can. Photos by F.Gore



McKenzie McCraw, Karlie Justus, Brittany Enloe, Stephanie Hyder, Micheal Manning, Jackie Corn, Grant Kieser, James Gibbs, Ms. King, Holly Burgess, Christen Evans, Jamie Lillard, Tory Burgess, Shannon Haggerty, Haley Donaldson, Sara Case, Kelda Sluder, Brittney Storm, Megan Sauve, John Choi, Ms. Case, Brandee Anderson, Lena Huntly, Tracy Justice, Tiffani Stewart, Tania Hill, Erin Finsel, Amanda McGrail, Christina Storm, Heather Cornwell, Joslin Bateman, Meredith Swain, Stephanie McCall, Chris Justus, Jennifer Wilder, Bethany Hartshorne, Brittany Stokes, Amy Sweezy, Leslie Sweezy and Heather Buckner. Photo by K. Hester



Memories made. Students enjoy the homecoming dance while Billy Petticrew (below) is just one of the many students to take part of the field day events collaborated by student council. The reason for having student government is so that the students can have a chance to be involved in events that they will always remember. Photos by F. Gore and Excalibur Staff



Fast Facts About Student Council:

- Ms. Case and Ms. King sponsor the club
- Students vote on who will be a student body officer for the following year
- One member is chosen from each homeroom to be a representative in student council
- This year was the first time the spirit caravan was put together by student council that led a parade of cars into the first football game of the season
- Form the spirit tunnel with the band and cheerleaders before the football game
- Around the holidays they help people in need
- Members have to maintain a certain amount of points each month to remain in the club

Listen Up! Student body president Heather Buckner speaks to everyone at the pep rally. Heather helped tremendously throughout the year organizing school events. Photo by F. Gore



Student Body Officers- Heather Buckner (President) Jennifer Wilder (1st Vice-President) Chris Justus (Vice-President) and Bethany Hartshorne (Secretary) Photo by K.Hester

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by Brittney LydA



Trying to keep warm. John Choi is receiving a blanket for the blanket drive which goes through the end of February. Photo by K. Hester.
Jake Pittillo is helping the lady Keywanettes clean up after the Halloween festival. Courtesy of Ms. West.

Key club and Keywanettes

The men's Key Club has made a huge difference in the community this year with many service projects like Kiwanis breakfast, the hunger walk, and many other fundraisers.

To apply to be on the Key Club you have to be a sophomore or older. The application goes through the community and they decide on who is going to be on the club.

John Choi, member and president of the men's club, added he has been a member since he was a sophomore. "I like helping the community and it looks good on college applications"

Various members of the club sign up for that specific reason: it stands out on their college applications. As president, John had the responsibility to converse with

Ms. Lyda
every week
and decide on
what activity
went best with
their club and
members. He
said, "I feel
obligated to



2003 Key Club. Brandon Ward, Omero Perez, Zack Cashion, Bryan Hyder, Ben Lillard, Kyle Starling, Chris Justus, Jake Whillingham, Grant Keaser, Jeff Rashel, Stacey Taylor, Brett Donar, Hjoel Sherwood, Zach Brown, Jamie Justus, Jake Pittillo, Jeremiah Lanning, JB Rhodes, JUstin Lamb, Patrick Mugan, Michael Carnot, John Choi, Joe Labaw, Ben Marlow, Tom Carnot, Brandon Coleman. Photo by Lifetouch

Hats off. Joel Sherwood, a member of key club, puts the flag up in the early morning. Key club members are responsible for raising and lowering the flag in front of the school. Photo by A. Perez





do whatever I can with every project to the best of my abilities and motivate the guys to help out with service projects.”

On the other hand, the lady Keywannettes have also done a great job with their community help and many other activities. The ladies have participated in having a part in carwashes, a Halloween festival for little kids and a Picasso dinner for the community. The ladies were very excited about this dinner; they even had some extra time to take pictures and had to agree on what they would wear for the job. Marissa Zepeta, a member of the club, added, “it was hard work but it was fun.” These girls met every Wednesday at 7:30 and decided on their activities. Overall, both the Keywannettes and Key Club have done a great job with helping the community.

Listen up. Heather Cornwell, president of the Keywannettes, is getting ready to tell the ladies what their next mission is. Heather Cornwell is also a great athlete; she is on the varsity basketball team and on the varsity volleyball team.

Photo by M. West



Working hard. Brandee Anderson, Holly Rhodes, and Candace Newman are all helping during their car wash; in this case, they are washing a motorcycle. The Keywannettes are a great group of girls. Leslie Sweezy and Brianna Ward are serving drinks for the Picasso. This is one of the many service projects that the Keywannettes participate in. Photos by M. West.



2003 Keywannettes. Jennifer Wilder, Ms. West, Heather Gregg, Lauren Cagle, Kristen Evans, Kelda Shlueter, Brittnay Jones, Stephanie Mc Call, Jcie Watts, Holly Rhodes, Karlie Justus, Tiffany Stewart, Brittney Enloe, Holly Burgess, Brittany Stokes, Ashley Collins, Amy Sweezy, Kendra Childress, Tracie Justus, Amanda Cox, Leslie Sweezy, Brandee Anderson, Bethany

help make a difference

by Anahi Perez

Make It An Honor



Helping hands. Karlie Justus tutors an elementary student for National Honor Society. They tutor in all kinds of subjects. Sometimes they tutor math, science, social studies, and English. They base what they tutor on what they're best at. Photo by Courtney Capps.

Pay off. As part of the National Honor society's tapping ceremony, Ashley Brooks is escorted to receive her invitation to join from Mr. Watkins, the interim assistant principal. Parade time. Members of the National Honor society pace through the gym on their way to gather new members from the bleachers. Photos by K. Hester.



It's not just about the smart kids in National Honor Society. The National Honor Society advisor was S. Whitted and the president of the club was Matthew Walters.

The purpose of the club was to recognize students who perform well academically. To join, students must have a GPA of at least 3.8, and they had to demonstrate four characteristics of quality. These characteristics included Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service.

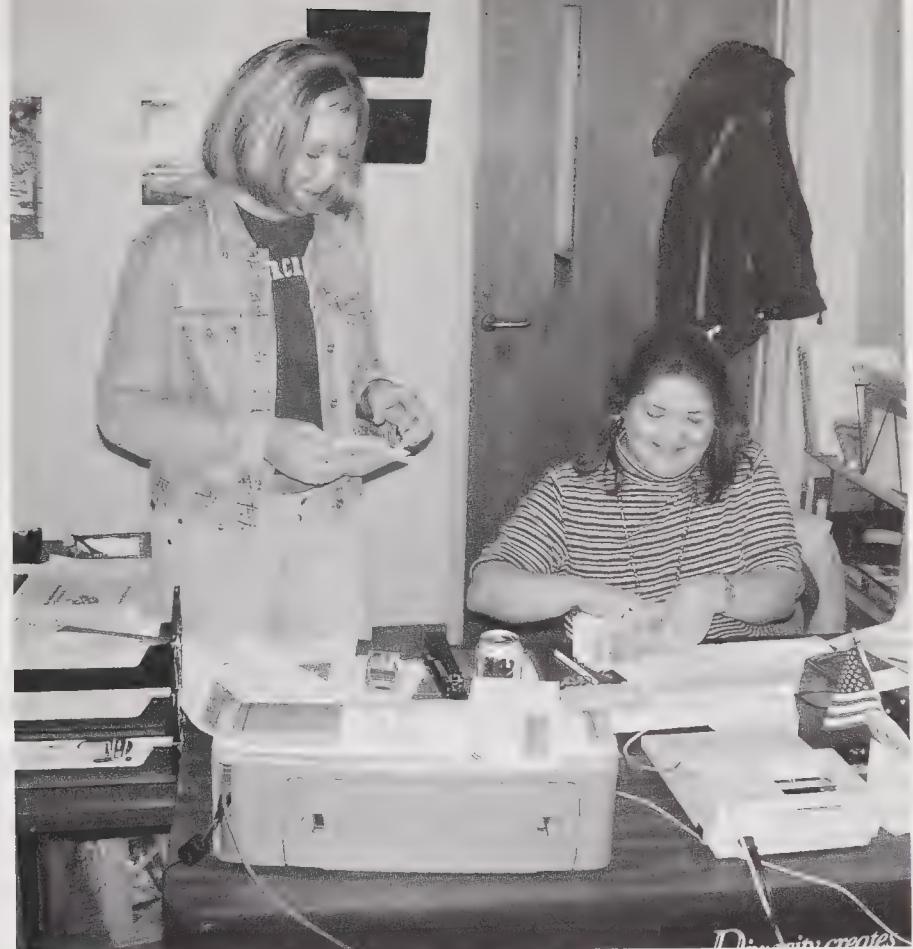
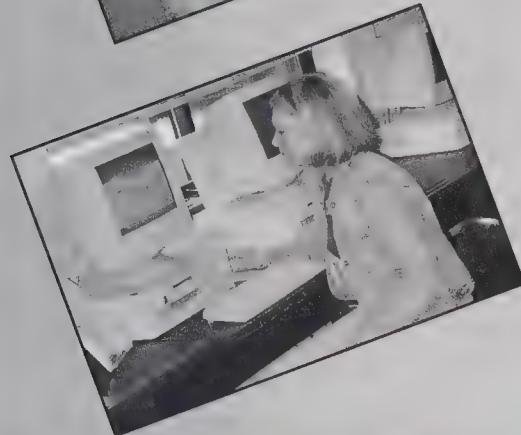
Each year, the National Honor Society has a spring induction to bring in new members. Also, the National Honor Society's main service was to help their peers by tutoring them before and after school.

National Honor Society meetings were once a month on Friday mornings.



2004 National Honor Society members and inductees. As you can tell from the picture, they were actually too many to count--a great statement to make about North's commitment to academics, as well as athletics and achievement. Photo by F. Gore

Leslie Sweezy works with Ms. Jackson on FBLA materials during Ms. Jackson's planning period. As a senior, Leslie wasn't on campus much, because of scholarship opportunities and off campus activities, but she tried to make her time on campus count.
Photos by B. Griffith



The Career and Technical Scholars club advisors are K. Lancaster and C. Byrd.

The purpose of this club was to recognize the outstanding career and technical students from every student in the county.

The qualifications student needed to have to be in Career and Technical Scholars was that they had to have taken at least three career and technical educations class, such as teen living or foods and nutritions. Also the students had to have at least a 3.0 GPA over all.

In the spring there was a county wide recognition banquet held in spring for those in the Career and Technical Scholars Program.

Count it out. Leslie Sweezy helps Ms. Jackson count out money made by the FBLA during their Valentine's day candy sale. That money helps to fund club projects. Photo by B. Griffith.

Leslie Sweezy and Holly Rhodes are the only current members of Career and Technical Scholars. It's a tough bunch to join, because of the membership requirements, but the advisors are hoping it will grow. Photo by Lifetouch.

To Help Society

by Courtney Capp

Learning to

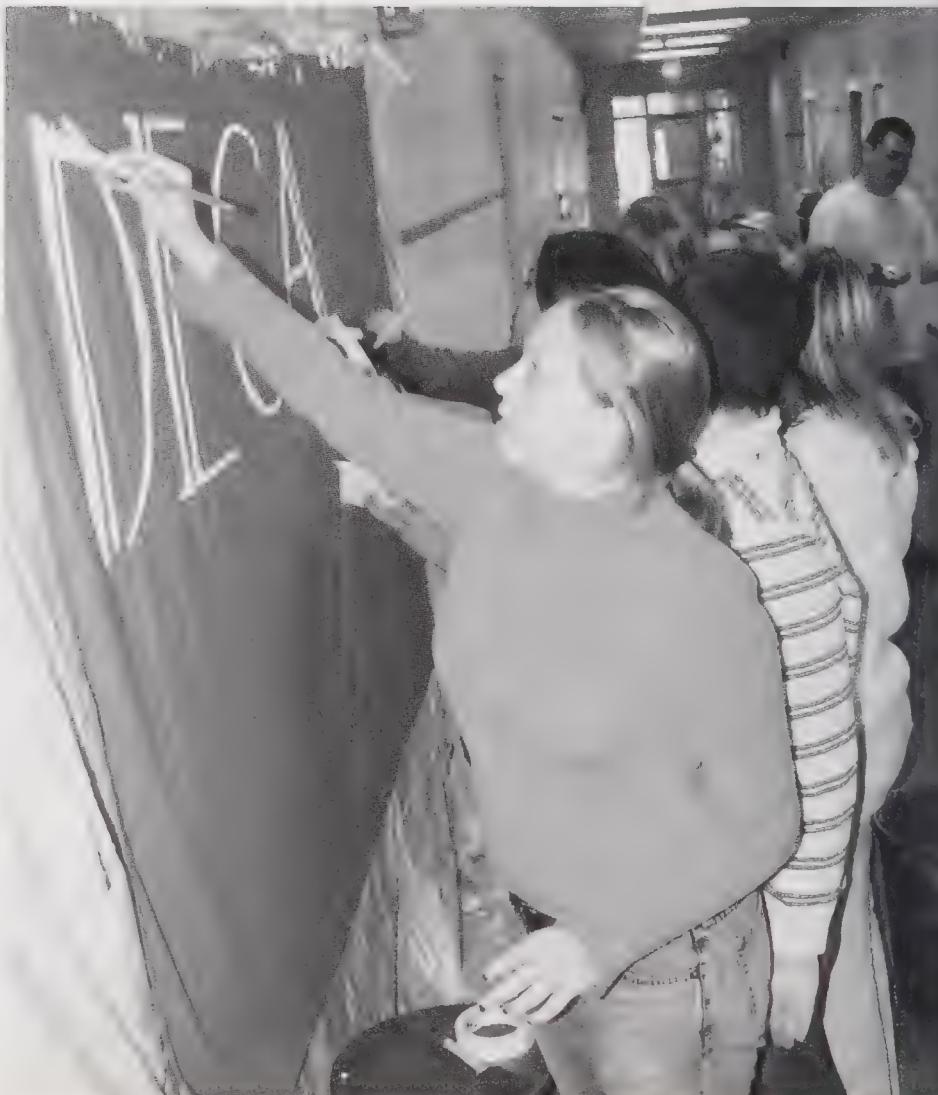
DECA was an association of marketing students. Ms. Singletary advised this club, and the officers were Candice Newman as president, Justin Stepp as vice president, and Billy Griffith as secretary/treasurer. The purpose of this club was to build leadership skills.

DECA's activities this year consisted of local, state, and international competition, fall leadership conference, and a school store. DECA members sponsored a teacher appreciation breakfast, and signs of spirit where DECA members sponsored a contest during homecoming to encourage spirit. Different groups/organizations made signs on sheets. The participants in the contest received a certificate, and the winners received a certificate and a \$30 gift certificate for Pizza Hut. DECA members also raised money for local and national charities, and went to dinner for social activities. They had meetings once a month during school, and another meeting before or after school. They conducted, and participated in many fun activities that everyone enjoyed being a part of.

Making Progress. Candice Newman along with some of her fellow members of DECA paint DECA's sign for the signs of spirit contest. They have a lot of fun doing projects like this together. Photo courtesy of A. Singletary.

How do you do? Shawn O'connor, Justin Stepp, Haley Donaldson, and Amanda Studebaker are at a fall leadership conference. Step up. Jessica Capps steps up at a homecoming pep rally to receive her signs of spirit award from Candice Newman. Photos courtesy of A. Singletary.

2003 DECA. Jacie Watts, Stephanie Williams, Lindsey Jackson, Stephanie Rowsam, Haley Donaldson, Sean Owen, Billy Griffith, Kristan Young, Amy Lancaster, Jennifer Kitchen, Megan Wood, Shawn O'Connor, Candice Newman, Ms. Singletary, James Marshall, Justin Stepp, and Ben Suttles. Photo by

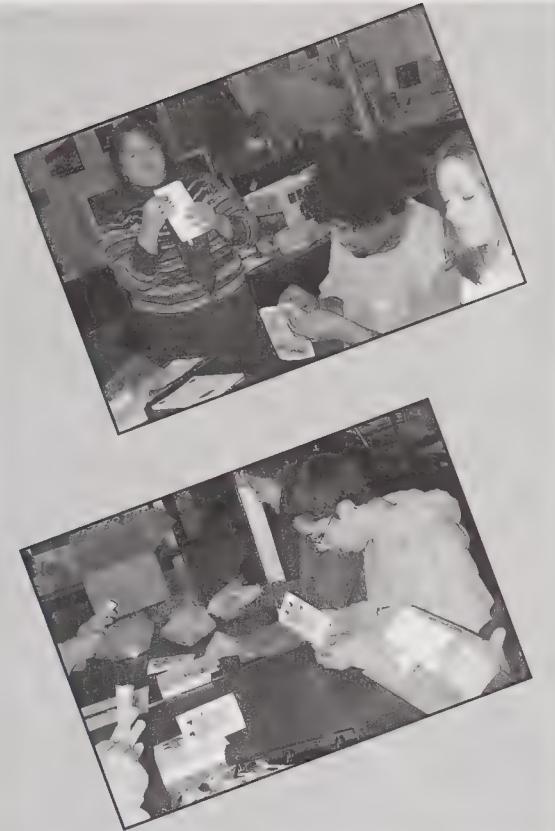




FBLA stood for Future Business Leaders of America. This club was advised by Ms. Jackson, and the officers were Brianna Ward as president, Jay Pryor as vice president, Stephanie Fyfe as secretary, Bridget Sluder as treasurer, James Gibbs as reporter/historian, and Michael Manning as Parliamentarian. The purpose of FBLA was to promote business, leadership skills, patriotism, and service.

FBLA members had meetings during school in the first half of consecutive periods. For activities this year, FBLA members conducted a Valentine's sale where they attached suckers to Valentine's cards and sold them, gone to competition, and had a fall leadership council. Also, they gathered and gave Christmas presents to a needy family in our school, and gave Christmas cards to patients in a nursing home. FBLA members were trying to raise money so they could go to competition March 25th through March 27th. They enjoyed all of their activities and fellowship with each other.

Chill time. Stephanie Fyfe is laughing hysterically while stuffing candy grams and having fun with fellow members. Photo by K. Hester.



Making progress. Ms. Jackson, Michael Maldonado, Danielle Freeman, James Marshall, and fellow members make Valentine's cards to raise money for future projects. Photos by K. Hester.



2003 FBLA. Ashton Sprouse, Danielle Freeman, Jill Ayscue, Michael Maldenado, Bridget Sluder, Jay Pryor, Jason Collazo, Brianna Ward, Leslie Sweezy, Jessica Capps, Ms. Jackson, Jason Guillen, Karen Rowell, Stephanie Jones, and Stephanie Fyfe. Photo by Lifetouch.

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by Monica Kennar D

FCCLA and Hosa

The advisor, Mrs. Alexander and the president, Amanda Sigmon, help Hosa to be one of the most giving clubs at North.

Hosa has had great success in the community. The purpose of Hosa is to enhance the delivery of compassionate people visiting health care.

Hosa participates in many activities during the year including visits to nursing homes, a blood drive, and community projects. Hosa spends many hours with the elderly people in nursing homes. It is a delight for the elderly people to know that someone in the community cares for them and know that they exist. They try to do their absolute best to give back to the people. Hosa participates in the blood drive to give blood necessary to help the many people in need of blood. Donating blood to the blood drive truly saves lives and helps out the blood bank. Other community projects achieve a healthier, happier community.

Christi Bowers, Mrs. Alexander, Christa Donaldson, Katie Walters, Chris Beach, Jodi Garrett, Rachel Owenby, Christine Wray, Lianna Vann, Kristol Stave, Lisa Livingston, and an officer of Edneyville Fire Department stand in front of a fire truck. Photo by K. Hester

Amanda Sigmon and Kendra Childress discuss Hosa and its occurrences. Photo by K. Hester

Lisa Livingston spends her time working on a poster for a blood drive. Photo by K. Hester



2004 Hosa : Lisa Livingston, Anne Marie Wilson, Chris Beach, Josh Wullenwebber, Michaela McMinn, Brianna Bushelli, Amy Sweezy, Kristol Stave, Christine Wray, Jodi Garrett, Amber Smith, Natasha McGraw, Noel Carter, Gladis Cagal, Lacie Mills, Mrs. Alexander, Chealsea Morrow, Rachel Ownby, Ashley Collins, Felicia Lewis, Anna Correa, Katie Walters, Amanda Sigmon, Kendra Childress, Christa Donaldson, Lianna Vann. Photo by K. Hester



Working together. Sheena Jackson, Amanda Weaver, and other members take a close look at the agenda for that day. Photo by Mrs. Lytle

Sharing ideas. Emily Lyda, Laura Laughter, Brittany Jones, and Briana Prather sit around a table in FCCLA. Photo by Mrs. Lytle



2004 FCCLA: Jessica Dorn, Jessica Frady, Valetina Martinez, Selena Cisneros, Noelia Cruz, Mariselia Cruz, Amanda Weaver, Amber Lewis, Sharon Rhodes, Carol Lacy, Mrs. Lytle, Daniel Howard, Jennifer Mirkovac, Brittnay Jones, and Laura Laughter. Photo by K. Hester



The goal of FCCLA is to promote community service and leadership skills. The advisor, Mrs. Lytle and the president, Carol Lacy, allows this goal to take place.

FCCLA goes on several competitions and they do many community projects. They try to help the community by doing all they can. FCCLA, like Hosa, goes on to blood drives to further help the community. They give blood to the needed and they also go to nursing homes to let the people know the community really cares for them and for their actions. FCCLA helps students to develop the necessary leadership skills in community care. Having these community skills are an added bonus to many different college and job applications. Students such as these may become the leaders of tomorrow.

Don't Fall! Brooke Taylor has a fun game of Twister in FCCLA. FCCLA members must learn how to have fun in order to do their part in the community. Having fun also helps to motivate the members to do their best. Photo by Mrs. Lytle

by Katie Barro N

serve the community

Walking in Faith



Listen Up! Jana Pierson and Amanda Weaver listen intently. Morning meetings are a good opportunity for students to prepare for their day.

Tracey Justus reads the morning devotion. Talking with other members is a comfort for many of the members. Photos by K. Hester.



BASIC Members. Mr. Weast, faculty advisor, Amanda Weaver, Jennifer Wilder, Jana Pierson, Tracey Justus, and Jessica Capps.

Brittany Jones said it all when she said, "I think it is important for high schools to have FCA and BASIC clubs so students can walk in faith, and not in fear." We used that as a title to sum up the two clubs in six little words. These small words, that are so simple, can change a life.

Conforming to what others around you do is the worst form of peer pressure, so staying focused as a Christian for students is a very difficult task, not only for their school life, but their tasks outside of school as well. Having leadership from fellow Christian teachers, as well as students is a very comforting thing for students. As Matt Walters, Mr. Senior, said, "FCA gives me refuge from the pressures that you experience in school, it gives me support and it is a way to have fun with other cool Christian people."

Leaders! Tracey Justus and Brittany Jones draw names at a FCA meeting. Brittany and Tracey are active members of FCA. Photo by K. Hester.





Girls just wanna have fun! Tracey Justus, Brittney Storm, and Brittany Jones have fun in the sun. The girls took this picture at St. Simen's Island in Georgia at FCA Leadership Camp. Picture courtesy of Tracey Justus.

There are many students at North who have never been to church to experience God. Having FCA and BASIC gives those students the opportunity that they otherwise might not have had. Being good role models, and providing a Christian atmosphere for people who wouldn't normally experience one, are just some of things that FCA provides. Matt Walters also commented that, "God's light shines through us and we're witnesses for people who don't believe."

For Brittany Jones, FCA provides friendships, and a place where she can worship and build friendships with other believers that she wasn't friends with before.

See you at the pole was an event many members enjoyed, students and faculty who hadn't been to FCA before also enjoyed the event.

Singing Praise! Brittany Jones sings with the FCA praise band at See You at the pole. See you at the pole is a National Prayer Event held around the flagpole one Wednesday in September.



FCA: Wayne Nock, Justin Lamb, Jamie Justus, Brandon Ward, Michael Player, Drew Walters, Tim Carland, Jake Willingham, Chris Rollins, Alison Nock, Serenity Ash, Christina Storm, Matt Walters, Karlie Justus, Michelle Janes, Bridget Sluder, Megan Brooks, Justin Chillington, Jennifer Wilder, Brianna Ward, Brittney Storm, Brittany Jones, Tracey Justus, and Jessica Capps.

Not in FeaR

by Brooke Power S

Getting their

The Future Farmers of America is a club that encourages people to continue in the agricultural field. Future Farmers of America was established in 1928 and it only had 28 members. The FFA club at North still continues strong today with approximately 74 members. The FFA club participates in many activities such as plant sales, volunteer work, car shows, yard sales, parades, the shooting team, and tractor pull competitions. The FFA club participates in different and exciting activities throughout the year.

The president of FFA is Kathy Frady. She has been the president since her sophomore year, and she admits that it has put a lot of stress on her life, but to her it was all worth it. "My tenth grade year we had 12 members and now we have 74 members. I think all of us have worked hard and brought 62 new members to the club."

Overall, the Future Farmers of America club enjoys what they do and the effect that it has on the community. They are proud to be in such a well organized and fun club.

Climbing to the top! Kathy Frady stands tall on the ladder in order to make sure that the plants are growing well. The plants need sunlight and water to live and grow tall. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Gettin Wet!! Colbey Baker waters the plants as part of the FFA chores. Colbey Baker is a senior this year. Photo by Marissa Zepeta.

Feeding the Plants! Kathy Frady takes good care of the plants as part of being on FFA. Photo by K.Hester.



2003 FFA. Colby Lanning, Jason Blackwell, Kyle Wolfe, Matthew McClintock, James Freeman, GW Mayo, Brian Maxwell, Nathan Hale, Jared Nix, Cody Carswell, Daniel Henninger, Cory Stepp, Marion Hudgins, Ashley Brooks, Kyle Honeycutt, Daniel Howard, Carrie Carpenter, Julian Itteprat, Sasha Breeze, Holly Burgess, Mr. Hnatow, David Jackson, Tim King, Jonathan Bishop, Colby Baker, Jonathan Wyastra, Rob Morrow, Breanna Kauppila, Spurgeon Stepp, Vanessa Davis, Tiffany Dwy, Kristen Barnwell, Ashley Calloway, Meleah Brevard, Jeremey McMinn, Morgan Hensley, David , Tommy Hylemon, Jared Honeycutt, Anthony Moore, Matt Hollifield, Brandon Ward. Photo by K. Hester



Computer Time! Dan Hazlette works on the computer during drafting. Dan is part of the Skills USA club.

Camp Time!! The Skills USA Club hangs out at a leadership camp called Camp Dixie. The Skills USA club participates in this camp every year. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Goforth.



2003 Skills USA. Mr. Pace, Nick Trepowski, Eric Warren , Zach Espinosa, Mark Villanueva, Mr. Byrd, Dan Haslit, Faith Bradenburg, Matt Hollifield, Dustin Carlisle, Brian Gill, Jennifer Goforth, Ralph

hands dirty



Skills USA participates in many activities such as competition, leadership workshops, and camp. They enjoy these types of activities because they promote leadership and teamwork. Skills USA is a club with approximately 15 members. The president of Skills USA is Brian Gill. He has been the president for several years.

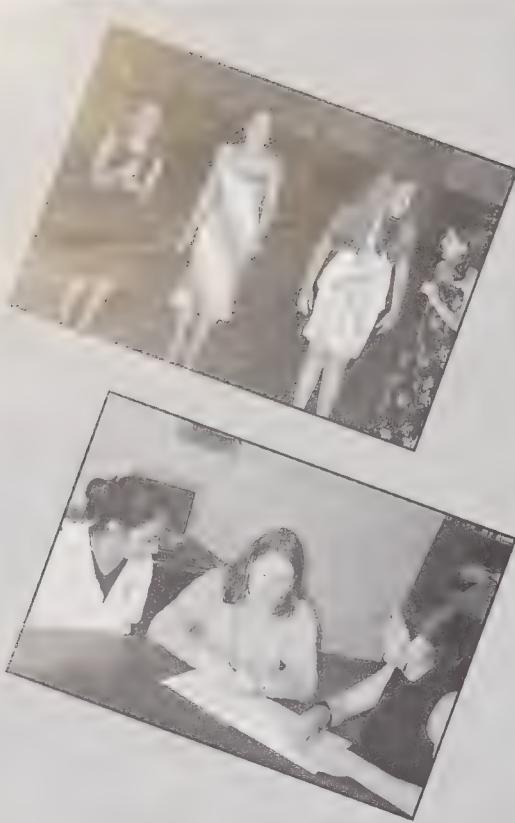
Skills USA meets every month to discuss what activities they will be participating in for the upcoming month and to prepare for competition.

Skills USA also participates in a camp called Camp Dixie, they take part in this camp every year. This camp helps promote leadership. At Camp Dixie, they participate in many activities such as contests with other groups. They also take part in an activity called the Great Experience. The Great Experience involves games that help to acquire teamwork skills and leadership roles. All the members enjoy this camp and can't wait to go back next year.

Skills USA is a well organized and educated club that helps students advance in leadership and teamwork.

by Marissa Zepet A

Commitment



Diana Torres, Angeles Ramirez, Nelda Rodriguez, Belen Solano hang out together at an East dance while they shake their tail feathers. Courtesy of W. Fletcher. Diana Torres and Patricia Ramirez examine their sign for signs of spirit. Both these girls are a big help for Ms. Fletcher with what their next meeting is on. Photo by K. Hester



2003 AIM Club. Antonio Tamayo, Kenneth Guillen, Rafael Corral, Jason Guillen, Omero Perez, Molly Silva, Angeles Ramirez, Marden Rodriguez, Gilberto Solis, Leticia Diaz, Nelda Rodriguez, Jeannette Rodriguez, Claudia Tamayo, Noelia Cruz, Salena Cisneros, Anahi Perez, Ms. Fletcher, Abacuc Aguilar, Juan Gomez, Sandra Landero, Guadalupe Lopez, Claudia Alejos, Elizabeth Tomas, Belen Solano, Patricia Ramirez, and Alberto Hernandez. Photo by Lifetouch

AIM club, a club for Hispanics, has grown over the last two years. Our AIM club was very active with other schools in the district. For example, when the AIM club had a dance, all the schools got together and danced.

The AIM club met every Wednesday had a variety of outside activities. Ms Fletcher, the sponsor of the club, commented that she was very happy with the students in the club. She has taught a lot of the students in the club and probably knew them better than any other teacher, so she decided to be the sponsor.

Many hispanic students didn't get involved in school activities such as sports or other clubs because they did not know anyone or they do not speak the language. So many students lose interest in school and decide to drop out. AIM club tried to keep students in school, "And that is important to me," confirmed Ms. Fletcher. Not only did this club decide to do the easier activities, but they also decided to have a big sweep on September 20. The club cleaned up the river on the nature trail, and indeed they were sucessful.

Over all, the AIM club has been a great encouragement for many Latino students to help concentrate on their school activities and at the same time have lots of fun.

Sonrie. Belen Solano, a member of the AIM club, poses at her locker for a quick snap. Belen is a senior this year. Photo by Anahi Perez





The Thespians have been active at North Henderson for the last ten years. The word thespian comes from the Greek word *thespis*, who was the first actor in 54 B.C.

The Thespian Society is not a club but an International Honor Society which is part of the Educational Theatre Association. These members are the leaders of all theatre activities at North, including the fall play and the spring musical. Members are generally in honors theatre classes and have leading roles in the shows. To be a part of the I.T.S you have to have worked 100 hours in theatre and been in at least two productions, have experience both on stage and backstage, and must have an overall G.P.A. of at least 3.25. A week of pledging follows a tapping ceremony. If a pledge followed instructions, he or she would be inducted in a formal ceremony, which is usually held in May. Current members participate in theatre competitions, service projects, and, of course, theatre parties.

Kaley McCormick and Brittany Nix work on building a set for their next big project. These girls are very hard and determined workers. Photo By Anahi Perez



Fresh start. At the ITS induction, new members are brought in blindfolded. Here, Heather Gregg, Karlie Justus, and Brittany Stokes prepare for their ceremony.

Take a bow. The ITS put together the fall competition plays. Here, the cast of *Cinderella, Inc* take a bow. Photos courtesy of Bethany Hartshorn.



Ms. Byorick, Chris Beach, Candy Newman, Heather Gregg, Alison Nock, Lena Huntley, Mathew Glover, Brittney Stokes, Karlie Justus, Amber Gilliam, Savanna Jordan, Heather Buckner, Bethany Hartshorn.

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by Anahi Perez

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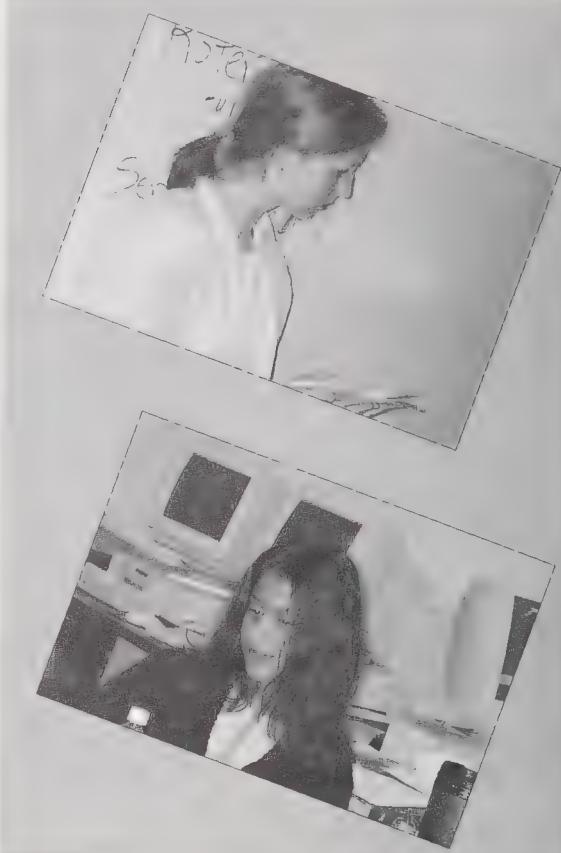
Some clubs were organized around interests. Some were organized around special abilities or honors. Interact, however, had a single focus--serving the community in whatever ways possible.

Interact worked with local volunteer organizations and services to help others. Club membership was open to any students who wanted to help make a difference (and earn some community service hours to put on college applications). This year's interact club was small, with only seven members, but they proved that just seven people can affect a much larger number of lives.

This year, the interact club members were involved in several different activities. For example, early this year they were involved in the hunger walk, they volunteered with the big brothers and big sisters organization, and they visited the Pardee Adult Day Care. Many more activites were planned for spring semester.

The Interact Club advisor was Ms. Holly Shuford. The president of the club was Lianna Vann. Members met every other Wednesday morning at 7:30. These guys proved that you can help the community and have fun at the same time.

Lets talk about clothes. At an Interact meeting Katie Walters and her club mates plan a clothing drive. This group works with Ministry Seven, along with other service organizations. What about a clean up? Lezette Zepeda takes part in an interact meeting while they talk about their next cleaning project. Photos by K. Hester.



Austin Sherill, Luke Hillman, Katie Walters, Amanda Studebaker, Lianna Vann, Lezette Zepeda, Ivy Barker. Photo by K. Hester

Making Plans. Luke Hillman sits in a 7:30 Interact meeting helping decide what their next project will be. The Interact club sponsors a variety of service activities including campus clean-ups and clothing drives. Photo by K. Hester.



The club that helps clean up! The Geoscience club helped clean up Clear Creek. Mackenzie McCraw said that “it was a great experience and it was nice to bring the school and the community together. The advisor for this club was R. Hilliard and the president for the club was Mackenzie McCraw. The purpose of the Geoscience club was for the students who were interested to explore natural environment.

The activities that the Geoscience club was involved in were to help clean up Clear Creek and they took a field trip to Cades Cove.

Mackenzie McCraw said that going to Cades Cave “was a memorable experience.” They went so that they could see what the area would be like if there were no buildings around the world. They also went to enjoy the experience and because it was inexpensive.

When they went to Cades Cove they experienced a lot of different things. The club went hiking, took an eleven mile bike ride, ate real camping food, and told camp stories over an open fire while roasting marshmallows. Mackenzie said that they “had a wonderful time!”

Geoscience Activities

- Campus clean-ups
- Visits to Mammoth Cave
- Environmental Awareness Campaigns
- Camping
- Hiking
- Cycling
- Visits to Cade's Cove



R. Hillard, Jason Trainer, Jennifer Wilder, Stacy Taylor, Jeremiah Lanning, Luke Hillman, Karlie Justus, Katie Walters, Mackenzie McCraw, Kristen Evans, Lezette Zepeda, Allison Nock, Diana Torres, Liana Vann, Erin McCraw. Photo by Lifetouch.

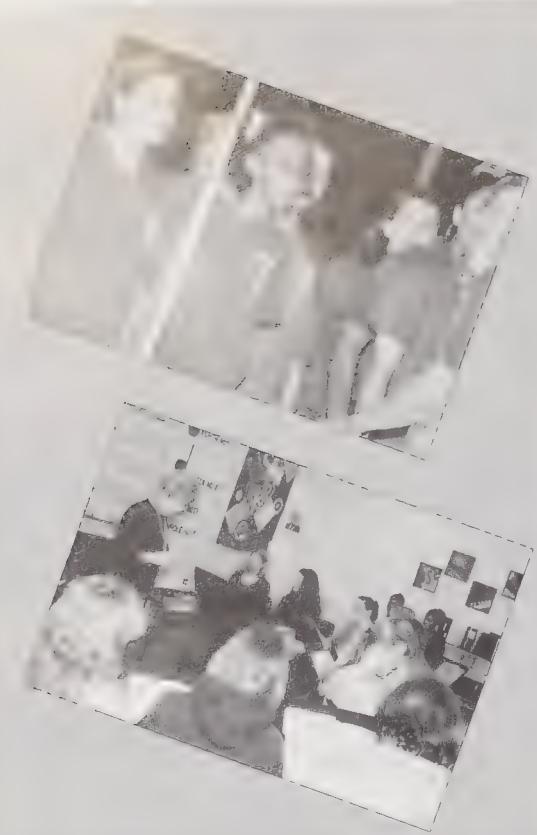
Study to find the minerals. Jeremy Wilder studies a rock in a geoscience meeting. He tries to see how many minerals he can find in the rock. The Geoscience club helps the community by finding things that need to be cleaned up and trying to clean it up. Photo by Courtney Capps



to help the community

by Courtney Capp S

Not just marking time



"Oh, say can you see." Jessica Levitt, Stephanie McCall, and Shannon Martin sing the National Anthem before Homecoming. Singing the national anthem before every varsity game is one tradition North is proud to uphold.

Food for thought. Dr. Warren explains the day's music. Chorus was a chance for students at different grade levels to work together. Photos by K. Hester

Some people might think that we put chorus and band into clubs and organizations instead of academics because they aren't "real" classes. Actually, we put them here because they aren't JUST classes—they require a lot more dedication and time after school than a typical academic class.

Chorus, contrary to popular belief, isn't just about singing loudly. It also requires knowing what range you sing. For example, for female singers, sopranos sing the highest notes, while mezzo sopranos sing lower, and altos sing the lowest of all. For men, tenors take the high notes, with baritones filling in the middle and basses taking the really low notes. It involves learning how to sight-read music, which is more difficult than it sounds. It also requires learning correct posture, tone, and enunciation.

This year's choruses performed several level six pieces in competition, the hardest compositions ranked for high school choruses. That's really impressive. And what's more impressive are the superior rankings they brought home with those songs. Way to go!

Sight-reading. Heather Lorenz focuses on her sheet music during fourth period chorus practice. Heather, a freshman, is a promising choral student as well as participating in band. Photo by K. Hester



Every note counts. Kristine Vaughan, Stephanie Schuster, and Krista Heatherly practice a spring competition piece. In addition to being in tune, they have to work with pacing and volume to make sure the notes all blend. Photo by K. Hester



Band is no picnic, either. While this year's marching band jazzed the football field up with selections from *The Blues Brothers*, the concert band in second semester dealt with more classical pieces. No matter which type of music they were playing, though, the band members faced the same challenge--coaxing a piece of metal and or wood to produce the right note at the right time. Think about it. First, they have to learn a new way to read, in order to read the notes accurately in music. Then they have to learn how to produce those notes on their instruments. Then they have to worry about tempo, volume, sustaining sound, breath control, posture, and presentation. No wonder most of them start in middle school or before.

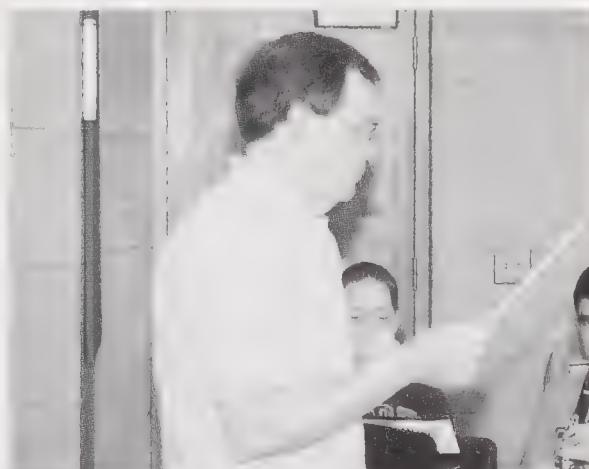
This year's band did a fantastic job on and off the field, producing their own superior rankings in regional competitions.

Sit up straight! Josalyn Batemon demonstrates correct posture as she plays the clarinet in concert band. Josalyn is also a member of Student Council. Photo by K. Hester



Keep the beat. Ryan Hoots and Roger Duckett count out measures as they watch Mr. Ledford. Ryan plays saxophone and Roger plays flute, piccolo, and clarinet, too.

Eyes forward! Celena Verute, Roxanne Arnett, and bandmates watch for Mr. Ledford's direction. Celena is first chair for flute this year, and Roxanne is second chair. Photos by K. Hester



Five, six, seven, and... Mr. Ledford marks out the beat for a new piece. Jason Moffitt and others watch carefully. Photo by K. Hester

chorus and band

by Noel Carte R

Protecting the community

Everybody wants to be safe. Almost every student here at North wants to learn in a safe environment. Along with the students, faculty members want to be able to teach in a safe school also. North's Crime Stopper team is advised by Mr. Weast along with Officer Swanson. Mr. Weast says, "Listen, watch, and remember things that may cause the environment at North to be threatened. People were aware of what the shooters at Columbine High School, where shootings occurred, and were saying, if they had made the faculty members aware of what was being said, deaths could have been avoided."

North is very privileged to have crime stoppers. All the students that participate in this club are much appreciated. They took time out to make sure that North had a clean and safe environment. Most students don't realize the effort they put in to keep North safe.

What can students do if they see a crime at North? "Drop a note to me, Officer Swanson, or any other faculty member. This will be kept in strict security. Rewards are offered for fruitful tips," answered Mr. Weast.

Luckily North has not had a big issue with crime this year. "North would love to have nine-hundred crimestoppers because life and learning is hard enough in a safe school and crime just adds to the stress level," said Mr. Weast.

Giving notice. Ashley Freeburg posts a crimestoppers sign in z-hall. One of the activities the crimestoppers club participated in was letting students know what to do if they witnessed a crime. Photo by K. Hester



Stop those Crimes. Officer Swanson, Ashley Freeburg, Matthew Glover, Wayne Nock, Mr. Weast, Eun Yi, Brittany Carter, Bethany Player, Tiffany Stewart, Brittney Storm



2004 Shooting Team Members

Jonny Dinsmore
John Springer
Drew Gross
Brian Marshall
Cody Newman
Brandon Pryor
Gary Kingman
Cory Rogers



Got it! Brandon Pryor, Cory Rogers, Jason Blackwell, Josh Connor, Cody Newman, and Kyle Starling practice shooting from a prone position. Their target is fifty feet away in the open air. Photo by Trevor Williams.



Another aspect of safety is learning to operate dangerous tools in an appropriate environment. This year, the shooting team practiced on Gary King's property. They were very fortunate to have someone let them have a good place to practice. Practice was necessary because they would be going to regionals the third week in March and after that they would be going to state the last weekend in April.

The competitions were varied. Some events required the team use shotguns and rifles to shoot at stationary targets in various positions. For others, they also shot clay objects with shot guns. In the non-firearms category, they shot compound bows at targets from different ranges.

Hunters Safety class was basically a must for the team. Hunter's Safety class was half written tests and half applications. The applications half required them to use orienteering skills, finding points in the woods with a compass.

North is proud of both the Crimestoppers and the shooting team.

and promising safety

by Brittany Prince

One Cut Above...

Something smells good! Brittany Enloe and Laura Gray work hard in Foods and Nutrition. The sweet rewards of their work: french toast all around. Photo by K. Hester



What was this again? James McCraw gets a little help from Ms West. Students discovered quickly that asking questions and getting one-on-one answers from teachers really help some assignments make more sense. Photo by K. Hester



Ink and paper. Hector Aybara and Mollie Silva create a silk screened print. Art, like many of the "non-academic" classes, was thought of as a break from the typical classroom--but students still had to work hard. Photo by K. Hester

So, what happened at school today? There were the break-ups, the hook-ups, the new rumors, the heartaches, and the drama--and something else that came in between all that. What was that again? Oh yeah, classes.

School isn't all about what you learn in class, but that does play the largest role in student's lives at school. In an average school day, students spend maybe thirty minutes in the commons area hanging out, eighteen minutes in the halls, thirty precious minutes at lunch, and a whopping 360 minutes in class (354 if you're a senior).

So what happens during those 360 minutes--all the stuff students take with them after they leave. Math, science, English, social studies, foreign languages, physical education and health, career and technical education, and fine arts education all play a part in making students here more well rounded.

And with rising EOC scores (and the Pepsis to prove it), North students proved that sometimes it really is what you know that counts.

Rich Coren's class waits for directions for their next test. This was his World History class. Photo by K. Hester

Work hard. Ms Nichols' students work hard at their assignments. This is her English I class. Photo by K. Hester

Look it up. Rudi Garren looks through her dictionary for the meaning of a word. She is in Ms. Fincannon's English IV class. Photo by K. Hester

Describe yourself. Shunneisha Allen describes her personality in Mr. Coren's class. She is in Psychology. Photo by K. Hester

Expand your mind: English and History

by Brittany Prince

Who is Boo Radley? When did Columbus find the New World? What god had the most relations with the goddesses? What date did World War I end? All these questions take place in either an English class or a History class.

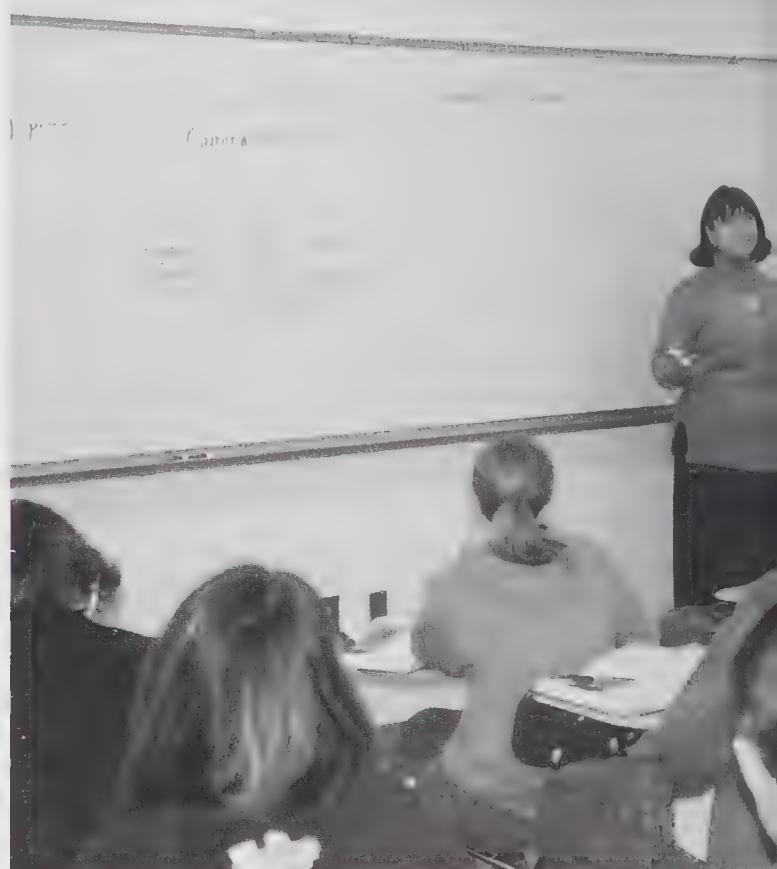
World History classes included taking many notes in order to do well on the tests. To ready students for the test, Coach Williams played a review game with the students to help them earn points. A project done in class included getting into a group, picking a religion and doing lots and lots of research to make a poster and present it to the class for a grade.

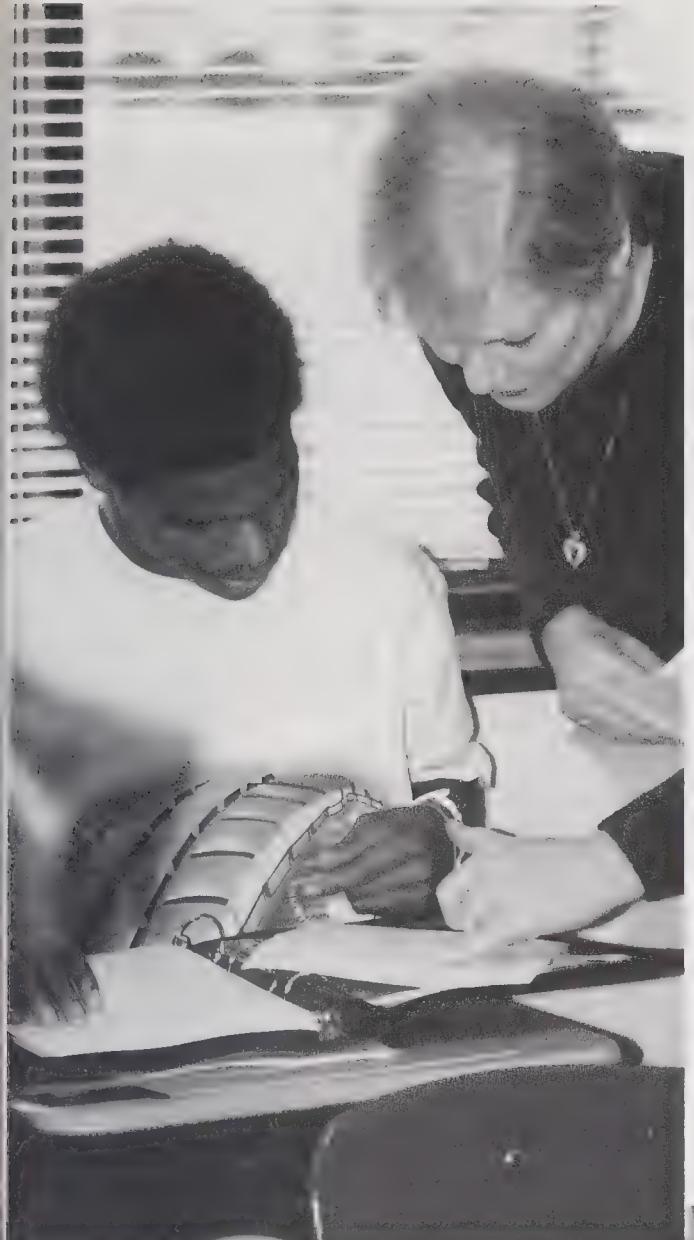
US History is a required class to graduate for students here at North. Curriculum involves everything that has happened to effect today. Studies included US presidents, slavery, the Civil War, studies of national monuments, the White House, and the government. U.S. History Honors required that students learned the states and capitals and that they learned all the U.S. presidents until now.

English I included many studies of short stories, poetry, the reading of Romeo and Juliet, and the study of Greek gods and goddesses. A major project in Ms. Nichols' English I class included dressing up as a greek god and telling about the one that student chose. In Ms. Mathis' Honors English a project required was the reading of **The Diamond in the Window** and doing a project with it. Many students enjoyed this.

As students progress to English II, more and more writing is involved. In preparation for the writing test, sophomores write, write, and write. All the composition that is

Teach, teach, teach. Ms Mathis teaches her English I class. They were working with the reading of Susan B. Anthony. Photo by K. Hester





Look at this. Ms Fincannon gladly answers her students questions. Jonathan Bateman is in her English IV class. Photo by K. Hester

Work, work, work. Amanda Cox works hard at coloring her map for Coach William's World History class. His classes do a map on each country they learn about. Photo by J. Williams



written is good practice for them. The writing test was a big deal for most sophomores. English II also read World Literature writings.

English III classes are composed of reading and writing about American Literature. Most of the English III classes worked with the reading of **Huck Finn** and did projects with it.

English IV studies included the reading of Canterbury Tales, and British Literature. They also studied Macbeth, the Anglo-Saxon timeline, and British History about the wars, the monarchy, and the government. Many essays were written for exam grades and lots of movies were watched including **Sense and Sensibility** which covered most everything they had studied. Another unit studied in English IV included poetry.

English and history classes here at North play a major role in the school life of students. English and history teachers made sure that they taught everything their students need to learn.

Working up a formula! Kaley McCormack watches carefully as she works. When students work in labs, taking extra safety precautions is a must. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Thanks for your help! Mrs. Edney helps Alex Grant on his math work. In algebra, making sure students complete all the steps to a problem made a difference. Photo by K. Hester.



Playing with Numbers: Succeeding in Math and Science

by Brooke Powers

People say that there is an answer to every problem, right? Wrong! At least that is what many students with whom math and science disagrees, would say! You're right...there are the select few who enjoy working out problems that take up half your piece of paper, but here are some tips, for both those who enjoy, and those who don't, that will help you study even when it seems like you will never get it!

- Always, Always, Always pay attention!!! Each Class builds on one another and falling behind puts your grade at risk. Ways to keep from falling behind include: Avoid Absents that can be prevented. Always read your notes and your textbook thoroughly. And don't forget DO YOUR HOMEWORK!
- There is one thing that helps more than anything else. Doing your homework!! Doing your homework helps reinforce what you learn in class, and it helps to improve your problem solving skills.
- Take your time! Don't rush over your work, and everything will be fine. Make sure the problem makes sense by reading it over. Rushing through can cause careless mistakes that could have otherwise been prevented.
- Got a problem? Take care of it! Never be ashamed to ask for help. Everyone needs help at one point or another. Always make sure you thoroughly understand each problem so you can be sure to ace your next test!!
- A good once, or twice over on your test before you take it can make a world of difference. It isn't a bad idea to do the problems you know how to do first. That way you have a sense of exactly how much time you need for the problems that you don't understand.
- Time is precious. Work continuously so that you don't lose a second of your time. Don't spend minutes pondering over a problem that you know you can go back to, move on, and come back later.
- Show all your work so that later there is no question as to how you got a particular answer. Though, most teachers require you to show your work, even if they don't it is still an excellent idea.
- Answer what you can!! Try your hardest to get all the parts of the problem. Getting down what you know could score you points in the end. Teachers often give partial credit if parts of the problem are right.
- Check, check, and check again! Always verify your answers so that you be sure you are correct!! Even if it means reworking the problem from scratch, it is ok because in the end it could mean a difference in your grade.

These quick study tips are just a few of them out there! Try your hardest to be successful in Math and Science (we all know it will follow you everywhere)! I guess there is an answer to every problem...

Thanks for the extra help! J.B. Rhodes and Jennifer Goforth get extra help from Mrs. Hester. Remediation classes are offered for all students who need it. Photo by K. Hester.

Some time For Me! Mrs. Toler gets some relaxation. Teachers enjoy opportunities to relax. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

Study Time! Brittany McGlasson and Tara Ward work in biology. Students enjoy sitting next to friends in class. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

What am I doing again? Teodoro Arriaga works in the lab for Tech Math. Students enjoy computer projects. Photo by K. Hester.

Workin' hard for the grade! Students consult with each other during class. Students enjoy working in groups when the opportunities arise. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



...! Alejandro Correa plays with sombrero in Ms. Schluter's class. He will be graduating this May.

ing is the key! Miguel Vera reads in his novel about "Paula". Miguel is also a promising wrestler.

Getting it done! Jennifer Williams works hard in order to get her French work done. Jennifer is also a member of the Spanish club.

Dancing around! Ms. Schluter dances for her class, Spanish for Native Speakers. Ms. Schluter always has something fun planned for her students. All Photos by Excalibur Staff.

Languages around the World Spanish and French

By Marissa Zepeta

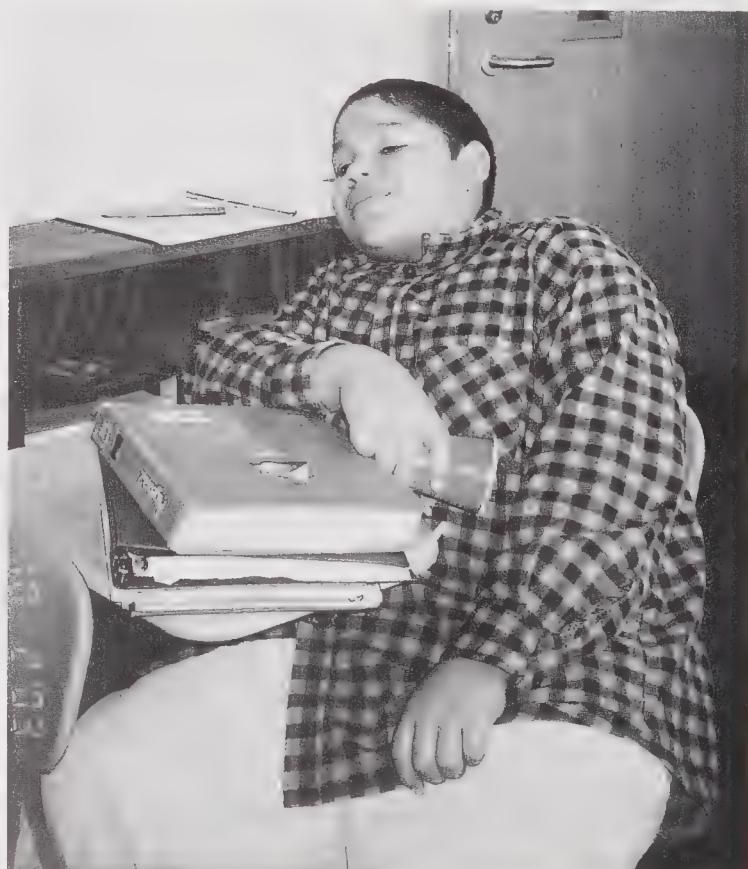
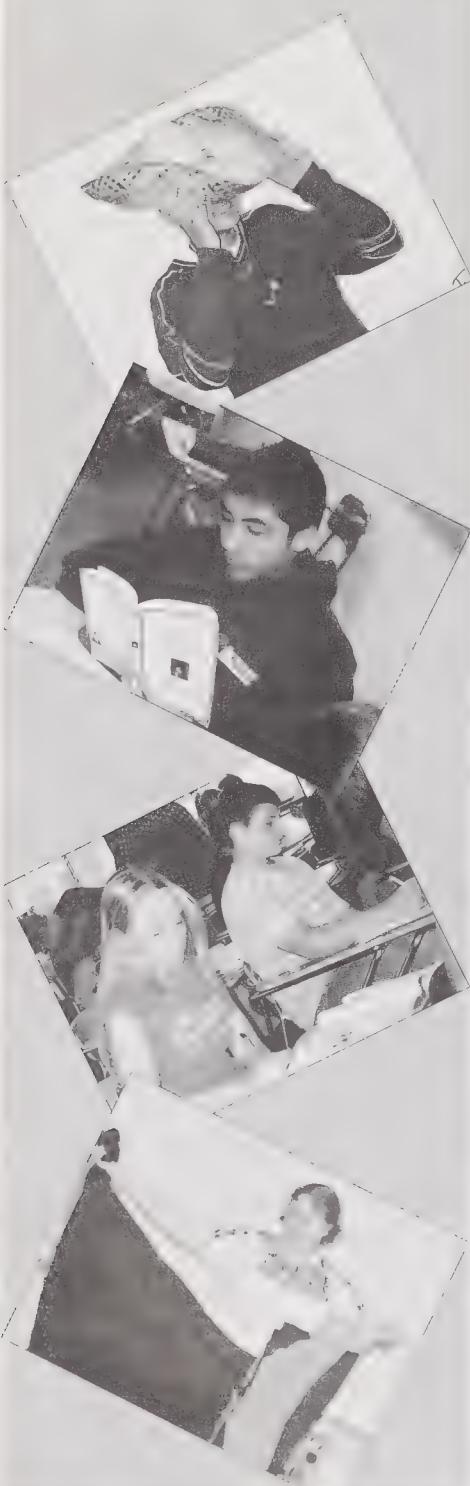
Walking the halls, you heard more than just English being spoken. In addition to native Spanish speakers, many students practiced their foreign language skills in and out of class, as well.

In Ms. Beckett, Ms. Schluter, and Dr. Osterman's Spanish classes you not only learned the language, but also about the culture as well. It was very interesting and exciting. It made you want to continue to study and learn about the language. You learned about all the Spanish speaking countries, the cultures, and the people who live in Spanish speaking countries.

In Ms. Bailey's French class you learned the language as well as about the country. You learned about the history of the country and where it originated from. You participated in fun activities such as singing songs. All the students enjoyed those types of activities.

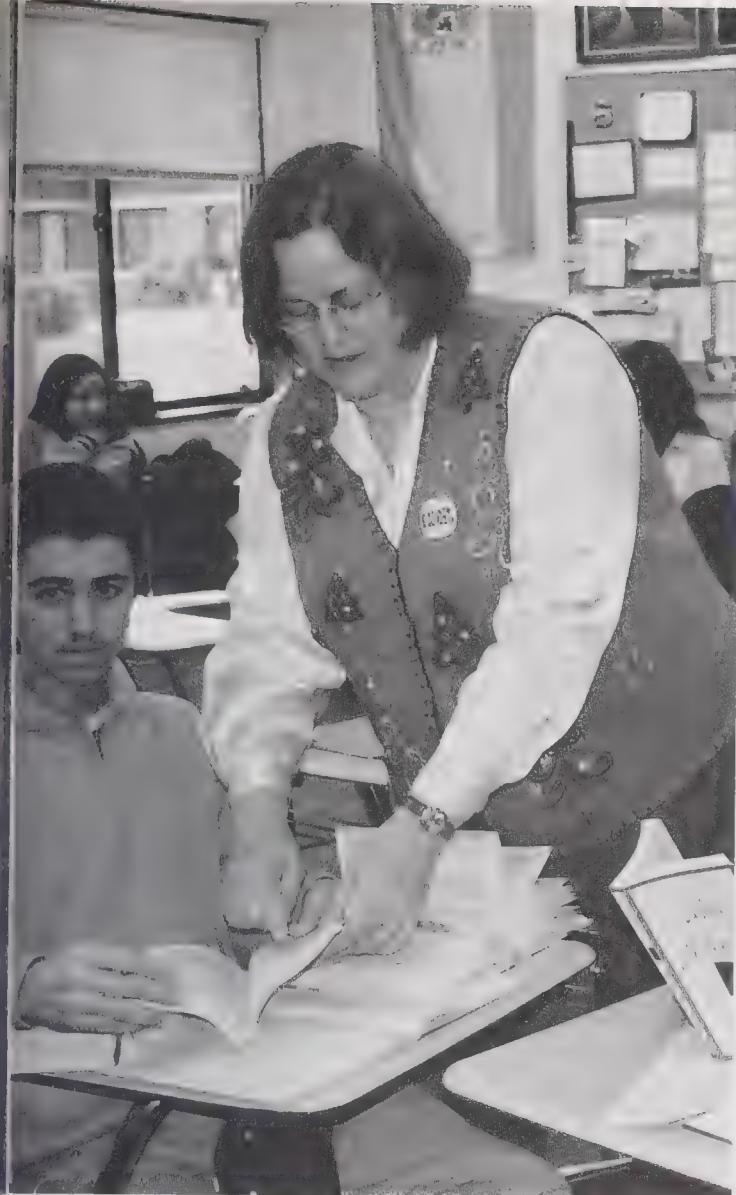
There were also Spanish and French clubs that students could participate in. The clubs met on every last Friday of the month at 7:30 in the morning. They discussed the activities that they were going to participate in for the upcoming month. The club members took part in many activities such as going out to eat, helping children from the other schools, or just simply hanging out after school to watch a movie.

Both French and Spanish clubs were very fun and educational. They gave you opportunities and experiences to learn about new languages.



Just Chillin! Juan Gomez sits back in his French 1 class. French classes participate in fun activities such as cooking French food. Photo by Anahi Perez.

Spanish Fiesta!! Lezette Zepeda speaks with Ms. Beckett at the Turkey and Tamales dinner. The Spanish Club has this dinner every year around Thanksgiving. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Reading Spanish! Jose Pina reads a spanish book in Ms. Schluter's class. The Spanish Class for Native Speakers reads the book "Isabel." Photo by Excalibur Staff.



French Club. Brittany Jones, Amber Gillam, Lucy Hillman, Drew Walters, Savannah Jordan, Tyler Leech, Eddie Montes, William Hardin, Jackie Corn, Kristen Barnwell, Meleah Brevard, Sam Hill, Sam Fields, Holly Burgess, Michael Carnot, Luke Hillman, Brooke Taylor, Nathaniel White, Tori Burgess, Daniel Lamper, Stephanie McCall, Heather Buckner, Heather Gregg, Jana Pierson, Jennifer Goforth, Clayton Williams, Megan Corn. Photo by Excalibur Staff.



Tyler Nix, Andrew Beck, Karlie Justus, Dan Hazlitt, Grant Keaser, Jennifer Wilder, Vickie Hudson, Roger Duckett, Alejandro Correa, Cobly Rabon, Jesse Chavez, , Tracey Justus, Justin Lamb, Justin Clayton, Jamie Lillard, Mack Kanupp, Haley Donaldson, Justin Shrader, Billy Griffith, Tom Carnot, Paul Craig, Alejandro Correa, Rafael Coral, Ms. Schluter, Ms. Beckett, Leticia Diaz, Hillary Corn, Jeanette Rodriguez, Roxanne Cervantez, Selena Cisneros, Elizabeth Tomas, Laura Castaneda, Anahi Perez, Christina Warner, Lupita Aguilion, Belen Solano, Amanda Studabaker, Victor Castaneda, Adam Jones, Bethany Hartsworn, Maricela Cruz, Jason Guillen, Kenneth Guillen, Alberto Hernandez, Miguel Vera, Marissa Zepeta, Tyler Lamb, Lori Tolbert, Lindsey Grayson, Noemi Martinez, Tana Hill, Claudia Alejos, Sandra Landero, Noelia Cruz, Brandee Anderson, Meredith Swain, Allison Nock, Ariel Odom, Lezette Zepeda, Diana Torres, Brianna Ward, Lianna Vann, Leslie Sweezy, Shawn O' Conner, Mackenzie McGraw, Marden Rodriguez, Francisco Hernandez. Photo by Excalibur Staff.

HIDDEN TALENTS

North students have creative minds

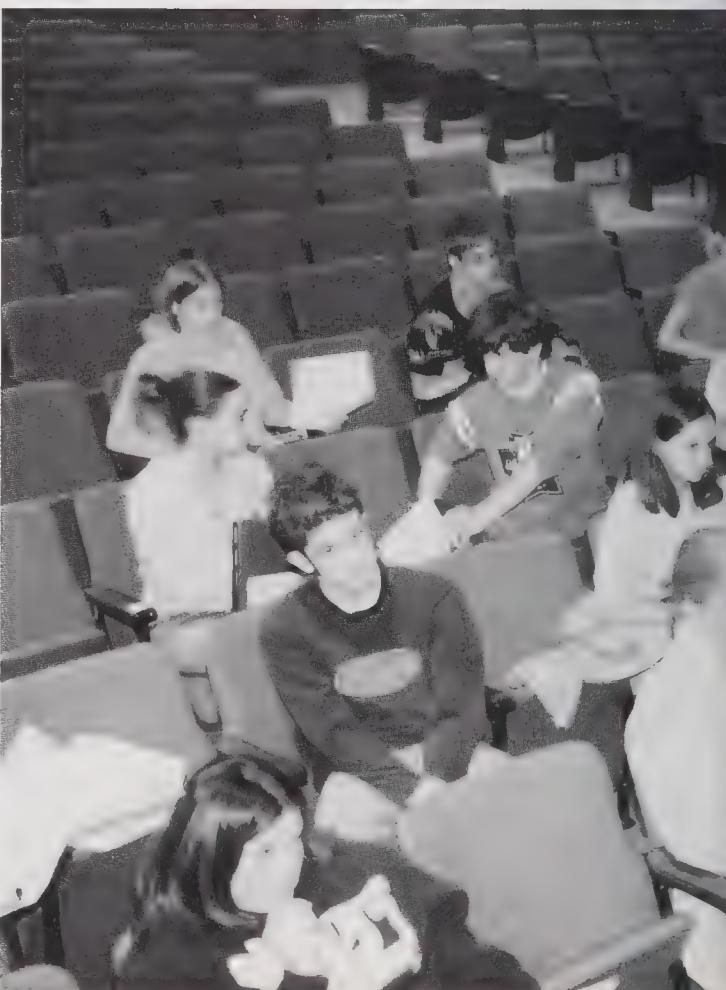
By Brittney Lyda

Just by walking down the hallways between classes, anyone can observe that even though it may seem that everyone blends in together, they are still different from one another in their own unique ways. Hidden inside of each person is some talent that makes a person an individual, different than everyone else. Whether it's music, dance, acting, academics, sports, or some form of art- it is raw talent that makes the world a little brighter.

Some classes that offered students a chance to show off some of these talents were theater and art. They gave students a chance to learn more and enhance their creative abilities. It is also a way to release a part of them that is kept inside, that no one could know just by looking at them.

As the year developed, art students had many projects to conquer. Students worked with still life, sketches, oil paintings, drawings, and many other forms of art. Throughout the semester, students learned new techniques and advanced their ability to create the next thing to come to mind. Doing so allowed them to express their imagination. Mr. Lewis instructs all of the art courses and

Hands On. No matter if it's art or theater your dealing with, students have many projects that require using their hands to put their ideas together. Below, an art student blends shadings in a charcoal drawing. Photo by K. Hester



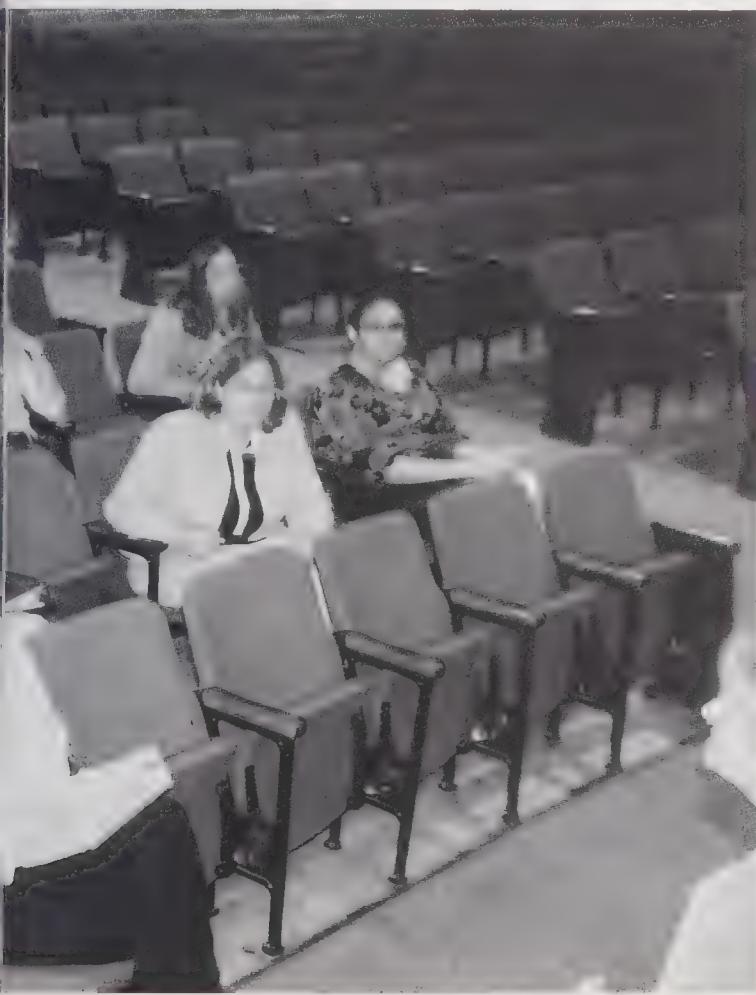
Clean up time! Jill Asycue, Kristen Barnwell and Ryan Hoots clean up their mess in art class. This was very important so that the next class would have a clean working space. Photo by K. Hester

Working Hard. Bethany Garmand and Ashley Freeberg work together to create a project. John Sporocis tries to figure out how to handle a new piece of art. Randy Cox converses with Justin Lamb while he works. Bottom, Mr. Lewis created a still life so that students could use it to create new pictures. Photos by K. Hester

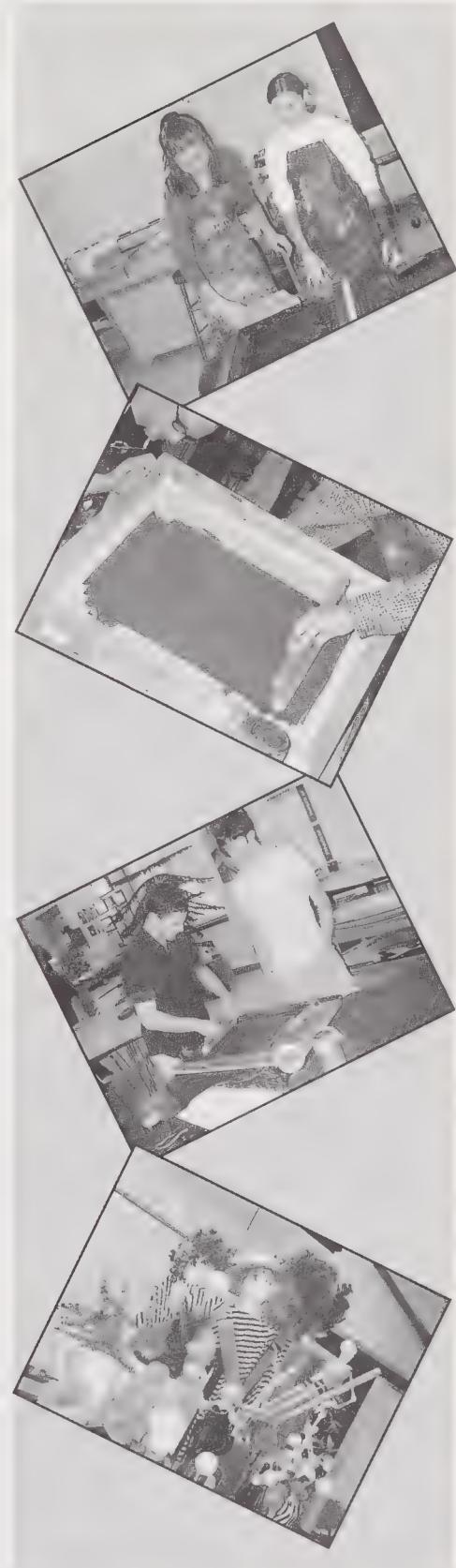
every so often he selected the best works of art to display in the hallway and library. Some art students across western North Carolina have a chance to display their work at the Asheville Art Museum in Pack Place, downtown Asheville. Brittany Jones was one of the students selected from our school this year to show off her photography at the Asheville Art Museum.

Theater is somewhat related to art because it is an act of a person trying to convey a message to another by a different form of communication. Theater I class is the first class a student must take in order to proceed to the next course. This course is where students learn the basics of what it takes to fulfill being in theater. Ms. Byorick teaches all of the theater courses and also directs all of the plays. A production class is also offered and it gives students a chance to actually act or perform on stage in front of an audience. It is so amazing how much progress a theater student will make from the first time they walk onto stage. They have shown people in the community that our school is booming with talent and people who have come to previous shows can see how easy it is for young people to connect with a live audience.

They touch our souls with their creative minds and show us a way to enjoy the simpler yet beautiful things in life.



Pay attention!
Students in Ms. Byorick's Theater 1 class listen to her give directions to the next assignment. Theater 1 is a prerequisite for all of the other theater classes; students must take this class before advancing to the next level. Photo by K. Hester



Mie Piles and Jason Niehoff work on a project for a vocational class. Photo by Excalibur Staff

Cody Roders and Tyler Nix observe as the instructor performs an operation in Auto Mechanics. Photo by Excalibur Staff

Mrs. Lancaster and her class laugh as they watch Coach Burch trying on a maternity vest in Mrs. Lancaster's room. Photo by Excalibur Staff

Marie Beaunegre, Travis Ward, Ashley Brooks, Dustin Spinner, and Lindsey King team up as they work on a creative project. Photo by Excalibur Staff

Preparing for the future: Career and Technical Education

by: Katie Barron

Many people take vocational classes to achieve a better understanding of the career of their choice. Classes such as Parenting and Teen Living teach skills at home, while other classes such as Auto Mechanics and Keyboarding classes teach skills necessary for future jobs.

Several different classes, like Parenting and Teen Living, help students to learn skills of the home. Teen Living is all about preparing for future vocational classes. Teen Living tries to give the student a taste of everything in order to achieve some idea of what the student wants to be. Teen Living will do a little of fashion, a little of foods and a little of basic parenting to see which classes would interest the students. Parenting and Child Development helps to teach the students the rights and wrongs of being a parent. It does all it can to help the students to become good parents. It discusses all that parents should say and do in certain situations. Foods and Nutrition do their best to teach the methods of food preparation and the importance of proper nutrition to maintain a healthy lifestyle. They teach the basics of measuring ingredients and cooking techniques. Fashion merchandising prepares a student for a possible career in fashion and education on the certain styles of past decades. They do many projects on the designers of their choices and learn about past fashions. A class in any one of these careers can also be a great addition to a job application.

Ashley Brooks, Anne Wilson, Amanda Sigmund, Lianna Vann, and Jody Garrett experience what it is like to be a real nurse. Experimentation is an excellent tool for teaching students. Photo by Excalibur Staff





Saylor Shope, Jennifer Williams, and Ben Moss spend their class time making crafts. Having fun aids students in learning. Photo by Excalibur Staff

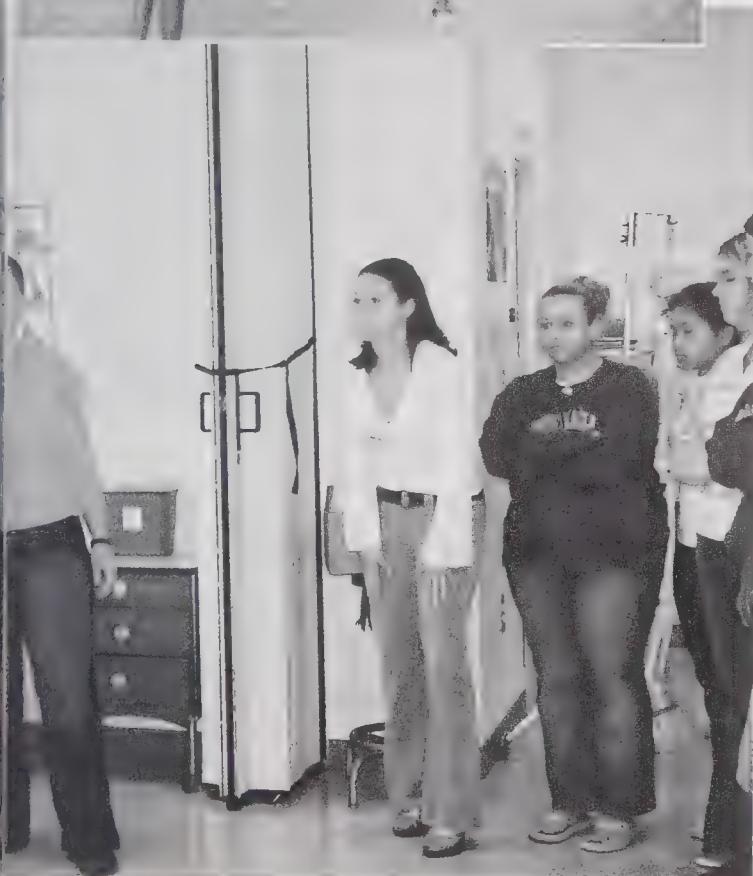
Brandon Pryor works on his project in carpentry class. This class teaches students how to work with their hands and be creative. Photo by Excalibur Staff

Classes like Auto Mechanics and Keyboarding also aid in future career choices.

Auto Mechanics teaches the many skills of being a mechanic and working with the many styles of cars. The students do both class and hands-on work to enhance the learning experience. Students first go into a classroom and do regular studies and then they move into a garage-like space and they experience what it really feels like to be a mechanic! The Keyboarding classes teach the computer skills needed to pursue almost any job today. Many jobs now require some skill with a computer, and the Keyboarding classes assist in some of the necessary teachings.

Many students take business classes in order to prepare themselves for the near future. Many students who do not plan to go to college, may decide to take a business course so that they are able to start their own businesses.

The required courses help you to graduate, but the vocational classes prepare you for the future.





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Love, Mom,
Dad and Jeremy

Samantha Wooten

Dear Samantha, Everyday when I look at you I say to myself: that's my little girl, isn't she great? I'm so very proud of you. Be true to yourself and all your dreams will come true. We all love you baby. Mom, Dave and our whole family





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Son- Today has arrived way too fast for all of us! Don't focus on the past but the future! May this journey be kind to you. Hold your head high, reach for the stars, chase your dreams, and remember we are proud of you! Mom and Dad



Dear Cody,
You're a precious gift from God. You've grown from a little blonde boy who made me laugh to a handsome young man who still brings a smile to my face and joy to my heart. Cody, I love you and I'm proud you're my son!

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Love, Mom, Dad, Ryan, Andrea, Mom-Mom, and Pop-Pop



*Brittany
Nix*

Little Miss Personality,
We hope you never lose your love of life or your compassion for people. We are proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. We pray God will guide and protect you as you start the next chapter of your life.

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*Patricia
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*Kevin
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Kevin,

God gave us the most precious of gifts

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Rudi,

I am so proud to be your mom. Whatever road you choose to take, I am behind you 100%!! I know you will keep God first in your life and let Him lead you in the right path. And, YOU GO GIRL!!!!

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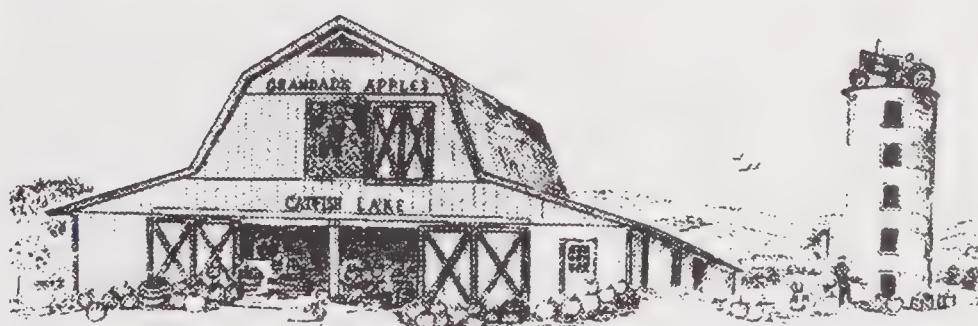
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Mom, Dad, and Brandon



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you so much and
have always
been so very proud of you. We are
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woman you've turned out to be.
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a wonderful success. Love,
Mom, Mike, Stephanie, Dad and
Beverly

Lauren Ashley Hawthorne

Dear Ashley,

The
years have
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Patrick,

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Bailey



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Chloe,

You have grown up to be quite the young lady; I know you

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Heather,

The Lord truly blessed us when He gave you to us. We are so proud of you, your accomplishments and the young woman you have become. Remember God has a plan for you, and always put Him first in your life. Love, Mom, Dad, and Brandon



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Mom

*Victoria
Rene'
Hudson*



Rachel Ownbey

Dear Rachel,
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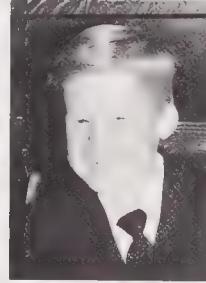
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Dear Laura,

Our baby grew up so quickly. We should be chauffeuring you around and making your decisions. But no, you're on the verge of full adulthood. God bless you, and may you include Him in your future decisions.

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parents can stand beside with honor. We love you Amanda, for just being you! We are truly blessed with God's choice, to be your parents and your friends. Mom, Pete, and Jessica



Leslie Sweezy

We are so proud of you. It seems only yesterday you were our precious little girl so eager to learn. You have given us so many wonderful memories. We know all of your dreams will come true because you are so determined.

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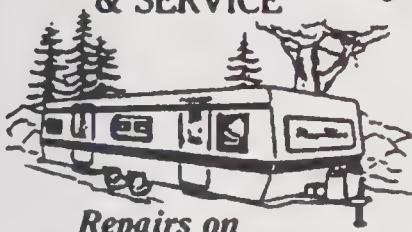


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*Christ Jesus for
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God planned
beforehand for us
to do.” (Eph. 2:10)
We love you
MORE,
Mom, Dad and
Carson*



William Nathaniel Petticrew

Dear Billy,

We are very proud of you. You have been different through school years, but we all made it. Good luck to you in everything you do in life. Love you,

Mom, Dad, Melissa and C.R.

Ashley Nicole Freeburg

Congratulations!
We are very proud of you.
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to become a very fine young woman. You've worked very hard to get where you are. We hope you get all you go after. Go for it all Squeedybill! Love,

Mom, Dad, Clay, and John



We remember you from the time you were a baby; you were everything anyone could hope for. You are kind, funny, compassionate, and wise beyond your years. May God bless you and bring you the joy and happiness you deserve as you take your next steps into the future.

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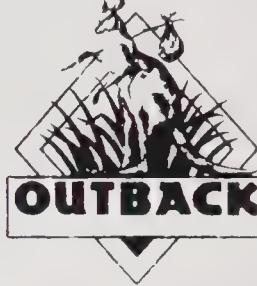
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Love,
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Brittney Lyda

Watching you grow into a independent young lady has brought happiness and pride to our lives. You have taught us how much fun a daughter brings and how much love can fill a parent's heart. Your gifts of sharing, touching lives, and truly caring have made us proud. Love always,
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Love, Mom,
Todd and Drew



Jason,
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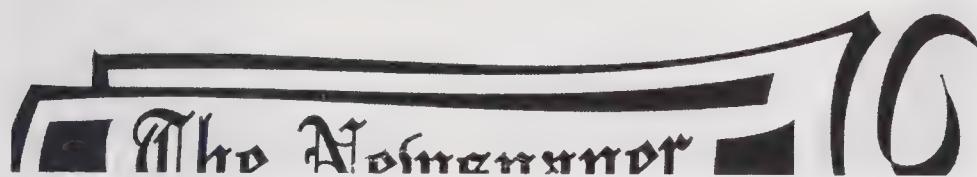
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Dad and Deb

*Meredith
Wilson*



*Karlie
Justice*

Just like a princess you danced into our lives. You are Daddy's "Tooter," Mama's "Karlita," and Jamie and Ben's "Sissy." We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You are so beautiful inside and out. We love you very much.
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I love you,
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Las cuatro estamos muy
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Sinceramente,
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Licha, and Yoly



*Leticia
Diaz*

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To my son, I am so
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You have been with
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I still love you with
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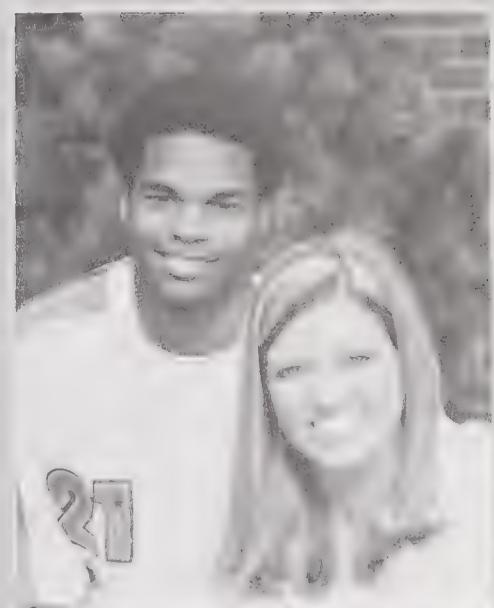
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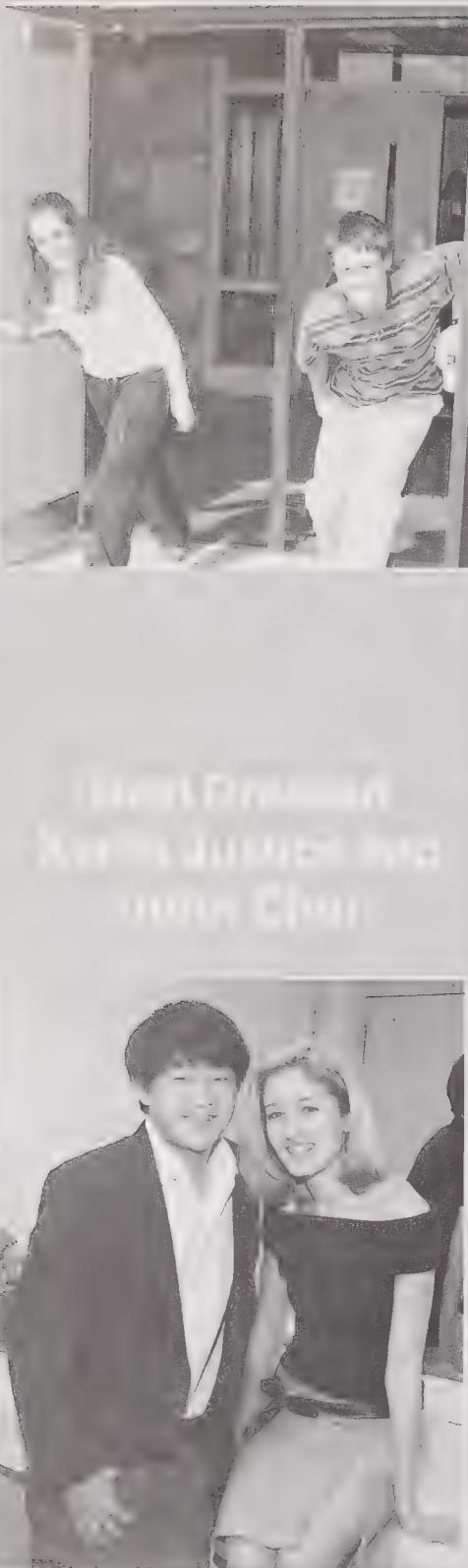
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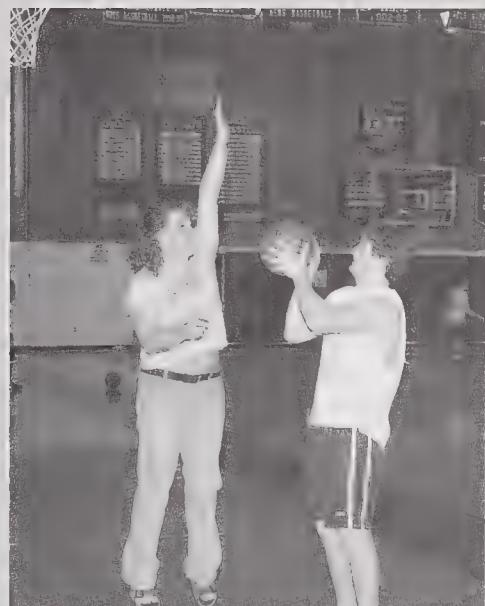
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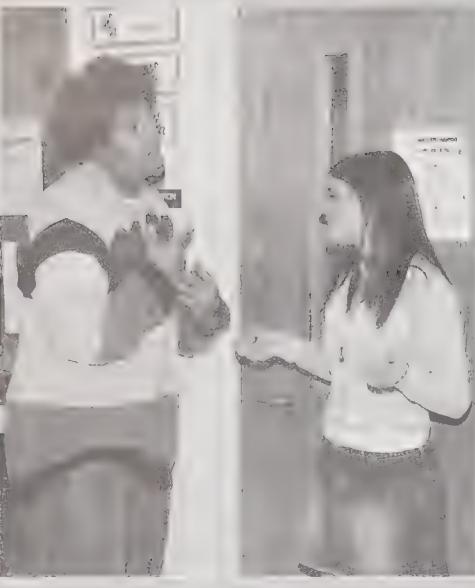


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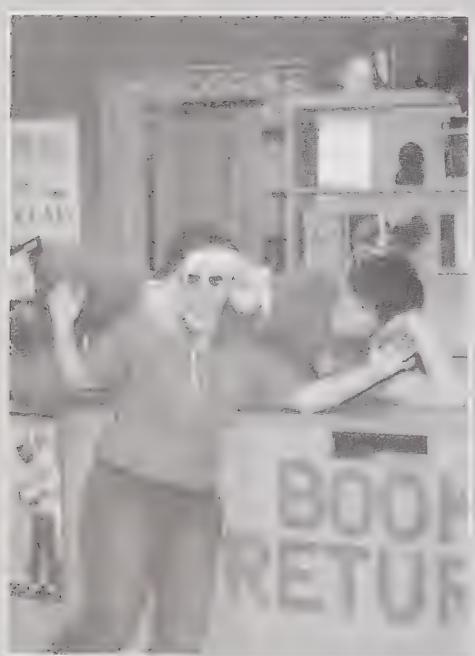
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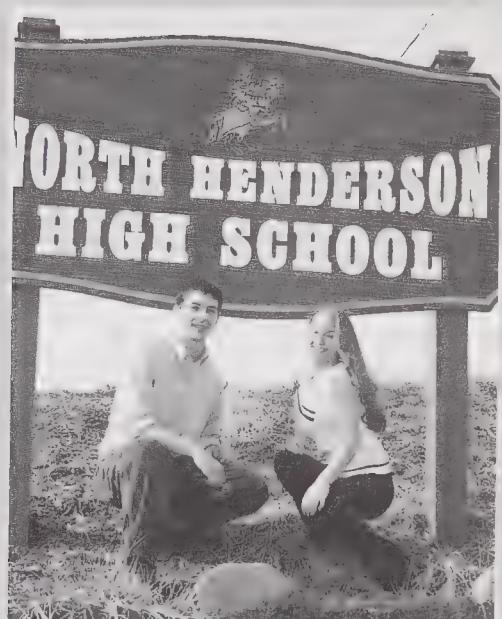


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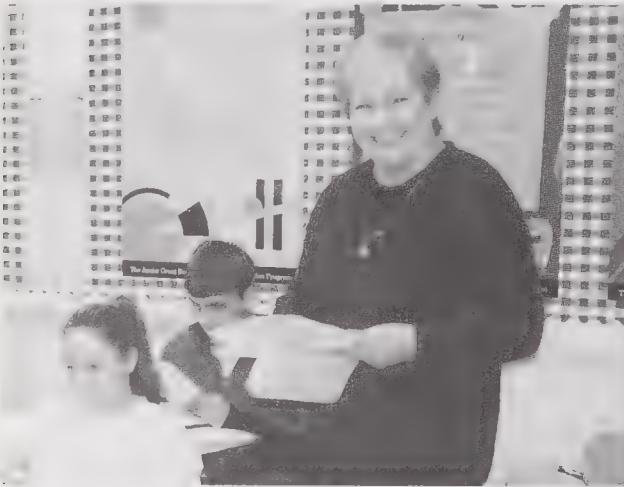
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And All...

No Sweat! Amanda Julian goes for a save as Jennifer Wilder prepares for the set. Jennifer was named player of the week during Basketball season. Photo by K. Hester



A happy teacher leads to happy students. Ms. Fincannon passes back papers to her English 4 class. She will be missed next year. Photo by K. Hester

Bringing them down. Seth Williams pulls down a player from East with Joel Sherwood rushing to assist. Although individual players may be great, football is still a team sport. Photo by J. Hester.

One hundred and eighty days later, as students prepare to say goodbye to North for another summer, they can look back at all they've accomplished this year.

In athletics, North proved once again that we are real competitors, with conference playoffs and several conference championships. In academics, although the verdict is still out on spring FOC scores, North brought up Fall FOCs with new commitments to success at school. Programs like after-school remediation gave students extra time with teachers to work toward passing grades.

This has been a year of accomplishment for many—based on individual effort and on teamwork. North sent two artisits' photographs to New York to be judged in a national competition. North sent seniors on athletic scholarships to Brevard college, UNC Asheville, and





DA-DA-DA! Joleen McDaniel plays at a football game. The marching band performs during halftime at every game. Photo by Lifetouch.

A little guidance. Rachel Warren gets some extra help from Ms. Messer in math. Everyone needs to know the basics of math to succeed in life. Photo by K Hester.



Last-Campbell Hill has had many others. DECA, the dance team, the cheerleading team, and the International Thespian Society all won awards at regional or national contests.

It has also been a year of adjustments and new faces. Students and faculty welcomed and adjusted to new administration, new teachers, and new expectations. After a few rough moments for some people, things smoothed out and we all got down to the business of learning.

As each person improved, so did the school. And so the teaching staff salutes you, the students of North, for each pulling your own weight to make this year great. You all led us one...for One.

Balancing Act. Brittany Sellers, Diana Torres, and Jill Ayscue stand high as they're hoisted into the air by fellow cheerleaders. The squad performed at several competitions this year. Photo by Lifetouch



...for One

Credits. Excalibur staff makes it all come together.

In August, it's hard to believe that May will ever come. An eternity, decades, seem to exist between the first day and the yearbook presentation day. But as we have learned over the past several months, August to May isn't such a long time at all, especially when you stay so busy.

Each month brought a new challenge for the Excalibur staff. August and September brought in a new staff, a new adviser, student pictures, ad sales, and yearbook sales. Athletics, academics, clubs and organizations, and other parts of student life all had to be accounted for in the organization of the book. And if we missed a few, we're sorry.

Putting together a book like this is a lot of work. We hope you enjoy the fruits of our labor this year, and we hope it brings back happy memories of this year for all of you.

Seniors, thank you for your patience, your helpfulness, and your diligence in making sure things got done. Special thanks go to our two senior staff members, Brittney Lyda and Elisha Medeiros. Your knowledge and effort were priceless.

Underclassmen, thank you as well. Our editorial staff this year was entirely made up of sophomores, so this is your book, too. We'd love to know what you think. Thank you, North, for making this a great year for everyone.

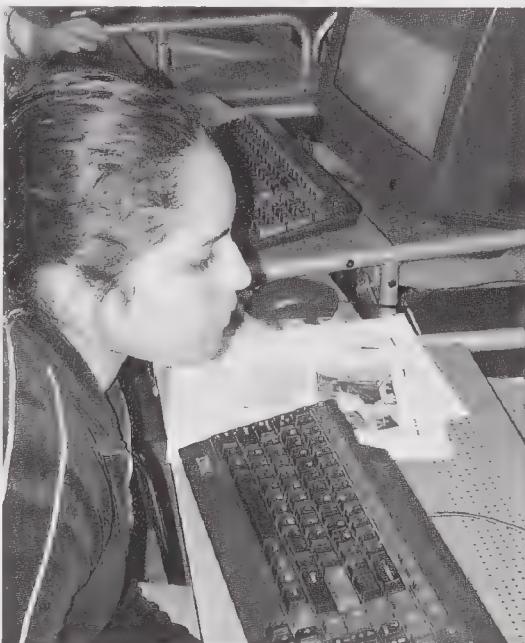
Sometimes we work. Haley Donaldson and Business Editor Courtney Capps design pages. Some staffers could only work on the yearbook one semester, but editors took the class all year. Photos by K. Hester



Thinking hard. Staff member Brook Powers takes a minute to think while working on a story for academics. Writing copy, or stories, was one of the more challenging parts of producing the yearbook. Photo by K. Hester



Teamwork! Staff members stay after school to work on the Excalibur sign for signs of spirit. Yearbook is both a class and a club, with a lot of out-of-class time needed to get things done. Photo by A. Singletary.



Sometimes we play. But no class is all work. Brittany Prince, Celeste Jones, and Marissa Zepeta take a few minutes off to relax before getting back to work. Photo by K. Hester.



But we always get it done. Editor Anahi Perez works on club pages. One of the biggest challenges of yearbook was trying to get all the names in for group pictures. Photo by K. Hester



hey
Coach,
You're the
best teacher out
of the whole lot
and I love school
and I love you a lot

Coach Williams,
You're such a cool person!
I had such a fun time in your
class. To change.

Angan
Babbar

Williams
you're such
a cool person
don't change
Lawra
Williams
come with
us play
Tennis
next
year!

The past two years have been awesome & it's ALL b/c of an awesome history teacher! Who would be you! I'll miss you more than you'll know next year. Basketball season won't be the same. Being with you has taught me so much. The classroom times I'll NEVER EVER forget One, b/c you are unforgettable & will stay with me ALWAYS! I'll never be able to speak my mind in another class as I've done in yours. The Thursday games before a test will be missed a lot the next 2 years. You don't know how much of an inspiration you are to me. You've changed my life in ways that no one will! You will be missed A LOT next year. Brittany will do a great job on your books & if she doesn't DON'T hesitate to call. I'll come by to visit as much as I can. Send Mrs. Williams my love & give her a BIG hug for ME! You two are awesome & I thank you both for all you've done. My success, I give you part credit & the next two years your guidance will be needed! I'll call you! You are awesome & everything about you! I love you so much! Thanks for the guidance and inspiration... much love & luck! ~Lindz xo~~xx~~xo

Hey Coach,
What's up? Yeah
this semester was
mood. You and other
than times when we
tried your patience, I think
we all had a great time.
-Lindz

Coach,
you're a great
teacher
Josh Kingry

Hey! I really enjoyed being in your class. You're awesome.
Jessie & Dak

Coach: Hey! Another school year has come & gone! I had a blast in your class. You are one of the coolest teachers ever. No matter what anyone says, never change about the way you teach or anything! Have a great summer. I'll see ya next year!

♥ ya!

HEY
coach!

Mary

Hey Coach,
I have had a fun
time in your class.
I thought things got
a little rusty sometimes.
Its still my favorite
class. You are one
of the most interesting
teachers. I enjoyed
the most things going
on in your class.
Always
Alicia Glasspole

Coach
and your the bomb,
and a kick butt teacher to!
Always
Crista

Hey Coach,
This year Penstir has been
a great time. Thanks for letting
me know our class
was chosen the best. And it's
my favorite teacher. This is one
of my favorite classes. Hope you
have a great summer and hope
to see you next year.

Bye,
Brittany
McElwain

Coach: This summer won't be any fun without you. I can't wait till next year when we open a team's season together it'll be a blast. You'll never know how much you loved & respect if it wasn't for me & wouldn't be me! I love ya!

I Hey Mr. Williams:

I hope I could have you next year. I have ever had a teacher like you. I'm going to miss you a lot. I love you. You are the best.

Angeles

Always I loved being in your class. It was always so easy. I'll always be there for you again. Thank you for making the summer great. Well. Have a great summer. (Ya next year)

Thanks
Love
you
back

Hey coach.
Your a great
teacher. I wanna
be your teacher's
assistant my senior
year. Taylor #23
B. Teri

Coach! you R the
best ever.

I love you

Coach, you have been the coolest teacher ever. Don't forget to request me to be in here next year. Stay cool!

Chris
Ransby

Year ~~Hey~~ coach
awesome class is
the best ever
Eric Gisson

Coach
This has been my
best class this semester.
It was the coolest class you ever
taught. Thank you so much.

Douglas H. Gissom.

Hey coach,
It was nice to
have a as nice &
this is my favorite teacher.
Your summer teacher - Jiflo

Coach! You are the best
teacher ever you obviously showed
me never stop teaching. You bring
so much to every class you
teach. Stay cool. DR. Wright.

Cameron
Carr

Coach
You're
the
best!

Well, I really
hope I will meet
to be your coach
again. Thank you so
much for being a
wonderful teacher. And all the
best wishes for the
future.

Alicia Diaz

Coach, you're
such a great
coach. Thank's
for helping me
get better in
soccer.

Have
a fun time
this summer and
keep on teaching and
have fun doing it!
See you next year! -Mr. Weller

Coach
This year has
been great! I havent
got to see u much
but I wish I had.
Coach, (Don't tell us) See
ya next year.
Jr. Weller

Had a great time
in your class and keep
that pime juice -
See "stich" forever

coach your so awesome
thanks for everything I'M
going to miss you the
very most I love you
I'll come see you all
the time
D-Erica corn

Wow! What can I say! Because of you these past four years have been better than I could have ever imagined! It all started when I was in your EDPS class as a freshman!

Then I had the privilege of having you as my basketball coach for the past 2 years. You will never know how much it meant to me when you listened to me through my tears. You are so awesome and I don't think I would have made it through high school without you! Thank you so much for everything! You will always hold a special place in my heart!

Love ya bunches, Steph Hyder #33

P.S. I'd marry you if I could! ☺

Coach,

What I have learned from you cannot be measured! You are like another father to me! I can't wait to b-ball with you this coming year! You are a wonderful person and I can talk to you about everything! Your the best! I love you!

LOVE,

Tana Hill

You've Coach Williams,
are a smile to always brought
a smile to my face. You
are sorry for very great teacher in
just having a smart mouth
but it's just being a great teacher.
Dana Lee

Hey Coach, Your class
is the best hopefully you'll
take on US History, have
great summer and keep
that tennis your awesome
LeBron aka Jamie Jackson #22

Coach Williams,
Words cannot express how much
I appreciate how much you
have done for me in the last
4 years. I was so apprehensive
about moving to varsity as a 10th
grader, but it all turned out perfectly.
This past season was practically perfect.
However, it was fun for once for
us to all get along. You are
the one person that I can
honestly say is at least as
competitive as me. I love that
you always play to win.
I hope to come back next
year to watch ya'll play
& I know it'll be hard not to
want to suit up. Thanks
for everything
I love you!
Jennifer

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